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Current job description

I'm currently working as Assistant Professor at the Chair of Virology, University of Rome Tor Vergata. My research is focused on mechanisms underlying response to therapy and pathogenesis in the setting of chronic viral infections (HIV, and hepatitis viruses)

Why do you want to be a board member?

ESAR has the important merit to have created a strong European network aimed at improving our knowledge on the issue of drug-resistance. ESAR represents a great opportunity to discuss and set up studies crucial to optimize the management of patients with drug resistant strains and to better unravel their pathogenetic potential.

What is your contribution to ESAR?

I attended ESAR meeting since 2010. In the last years, I contributed to the CAPRE study, focused on the issue of HBV drug resistance, that has been successfully published on June on JID. I'm currently involved in the follow-up study of CAPRE, focused on the spread on HBV immune-escape mutations and stop codons in HBV surface antigen (associated with increase HBV oncogenic potential) at European level.

What is your vision for ESAR?

ESAR is an important scientific society with a strong commitment. The discussion among virologists is the strong point of this Society, that should be always promoted in order to set-up scientifically sounded studies. Training activities should be also maintained in order to provide a level playing field at European level.