

APPLICATION FORM FOR the NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE 2019-2021 OF Poland



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Motivational Statement

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

I would like to express my great honor to apply for National Representative of Poland. It is a sign of our times that the voice of the young generation is more and more significant. Our Society is evolving during an exciting period for the gynecology research covering topics ranging from complicated immunological targeted therapy to during and post-recovery quality of life.

Many of you know me well, but I feel obliged to share my experience. Over the last 5 years I have been involved in the topic of gynecological oncology. After completing education in Poland and Germany due to participation in the Erasmus Scholarship Program, I started training at the Department of Gynecological Surgery and Gynecological Oncology of Adults and Adolescents at the Pomeranian Medical University, Szczecin. I am a member of the team pursuing trial on the role of HE4 in the follow-up of advanced ovarian cancer patients coordinated by the Central and Eastern European Gynecologic Oncology Group. Currently, I am pursuing further research as my Ph.D. thesis, which concerns evaluation of HE4 marker in prediction and diagnosis of disease recurrence in female patients with recurrent ovarian cancer.

At the same time, I am involved in various ENYGO projects.

Literature For ENYGO (LiFE) is an excellent project for young scientist and I do have a pleasure to be an author of the chapter- Treatment of ovarian tumours of low malignant potential. For the ones who are not familiar with the project, LiFE is a regularly published (every six months) review of all the relevant articles in the field of gynaecological cancers for young professionals that desire to be up to date with the most recent publisher literature. I am convinced that can be a remarkable introduction and supplement to the another new ENYGO activity- the ENYGO- IJGC Editorial Fellowship, which I have the honour to participate in as well. I would like to push your attention on the new shape of the International Journal of Gynaecological Cancer. Professor Pedro Ramirez who is new Editor-in Chief of IJGC is main author of those visions.

I am also actively engaged in preparation of ENYGO Webinars, which are regularly providing latest knowledge to broader audience.

In my career I had the chance to meet wonderful, inspiring people. One of the special authority for me is Professor Andreas du Bois, who is world recognized expert in the surgical treatment of ovarian cancer working at the Department of Gynaecology & Gyneacological Oncology, Kliniken Essen-Mitte. Due to ESGO Travelling Fellowship I could extended professional training in Gynaecological Oncology in the Department headed by Professor Andreas du Bois for three months.

I am proud that in Poland topic of gynecological oncology is gaining more attention every year. Last year was crucial because of foundation of the Club of Young Gynae Oncologists affiliated to the Polish Society of Gynecological Oncology.

I am extremely proud that a group of young gynecologists in Poland is so active and noticeable in the world. During the last meeting of the Polish Society of Gynecological Oncology held in Cracow few weeks ago Professor Anna Fagotti admitted that Polish young gyne-onco group is very active and well recognised worldwide.

It is vital that trainees remain active in shaping the society and its activities. The world needs us and the voice of the young generation is more and more heard. There are still fields for new improvement. I believe that we should not be afraid to express our growing experience, passion and skills as they brought us closer to the place where we want to be and to the activities which we are involved in.

With my experience I can say that with every new challenge we gain more opportunities in future career, more invitations to international meetings and projects which require additional responsibilities, but also provide huge satisfaction and learning experience.

There are so many ways to support young doctors, with the most critical being leadership validation of our struggles. There is absolutely no substitute for openly and verbally supporting our needs to physicians and staff who may not understand our challenges. Organizing more active programs and workshops for young doctors as well as open discussion on their needs and help in overcoming barriers are my priority.

My personal experience have significantly contributed to supporting the career development of women in medicine and in oncology. I do believe we need special programs and support for women in medicine. Promoting equal access to career development opportunities for female doctors, attending the congresses with free child-care could be a solution.

I hope that due to my participation in various training options offered by ENYGO I could be helpful for everyone looking for new professional experience within the Society.

See you in Athens! I am looking forward to see so many familiar faces!

Ola Strojna