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Application for the SLEuro Executive Committee

Dear Members of the SLEuro General Assembly,

I am writing this letter to express my dedication and willingness to serve as a member of the SLEuro Executive Committee in the upcoming period (2027-2028).

My journey in the field of lupus started in the Summer before the 6th year of medical school, when I had the privilege of attending a one-month Rheumatology Elective at McGill University, Montreal, Canada, taking part in the work of the lupus clinic under the supervision of Dr. Christian Pineau. The dedication of my supervisors and their depth of delving into a variety of disease aspects, as well as the early opportunity to participate in research, left a clear impact on me.

In the year of finishing my medical school, I started working on my current institution's lupus registry, which pretty much defined the rest of my development path, both clinically and scientifically. Throughout my career, I strived to explore new avenues of improving both clinical care and local possibilities of structuring our own research activities in the field of clinical epidemiology of SLE at my home institution in Zagreb, as well as to establish and foster international collaboration. The purpose of the latter has been to enhance visibility of our local work, but also to connect with globally established SLE experts, to enable our institution to become a regionally recognized lupus center.

My willingness to contribute to the work of SLEuro stems from the fact that I would like to directly contribute to its expanding scientific and educational efforts. Having been a part of the ERN-ReCONNET-SLICCC-SLEuro project on the treatment consensus on rare SLE manifestations (convened by Prof. Laurent Arnaud), as well as the ELUSIDATE initiative, I am convinced that SLEuro has the capacity to become the umbrella organization for supporting scientific projects aimed at improving the quality of care of patients with lupus. The SLEuro Advanced Workshop on SLE has become the leading European course on SLE, and I am interested in contributing to its organization, to increase its visibility and participation among enthusiastic younger colleagues from Southeast and Central Europe.

As a former member of the EMEUNET Working Group, I am enthusiastic about supporting and helping develop the Young SLEuro forum, especially as a platform that would enable the inclusion of emerging SLE clinicians and researchers from European regions such as South-Eastern and Eastern Europe, which still lack a firmly established network of well-recognized lupus centers. In addition to the SLEuro Mentorship Program, organizing a series of shorter, focused visits to established lupus centers, followed by prolonged online clinical and research mentorship, should increase flexibility and enable a broader educational and mentoring coverage, especially for rheumatology fellows focused on SLE who would otherwise lack the opportunity of scientific development. In the long run, I am convinced that investing in the clinical education and research merit of colleagues from underserved areas will improve the research network affiliated with SLEuro.

I will be grateful should the General Assembly consider me a suitable candidate to serve as a member of the SLEuro Executive Committee.

Yours sincerely,

Ivan Padjen

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ivan Padjen". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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Date of Birth: October 31, 1985

Place of Birth: Zagreb, Croatia

Citizenship: Croatian

APPOINTMENTS

- 10/2024→ **Head (acting)**, Rheumatology Unit, Division of Clinical Immunology and Rheumatology, National Referral Centre for SLE and Related Diseases and National Referral Centre for Primary Immunodeficiencies in Adults, University Hospital Centre Zagreb, Zagreb, Croatia
- 3/2023→ **Assistant Professor**, Department of Internal Medicine, School of Medicine, University of Zagreb, Zagreb, Croatia
- 6/2022→ **Deputy Head**, National Referral Centre for SLE and Related Diseases, Zagreb, Croatia
- 06/2018→ **Consultant Rheumatologist**, Division of Clinical Immunology and Rheumatology, National Referral Centre for SLE and Related Diseases and National Referral Centre for Primary Immunodeficiencies in Adults, University Hospital Centre Zagreb, Croatia,
- 01/2019-2/2023 **Postdoctoral Research Fellow**, Department of Internal Medicine, School of Medicine, University of Zagreb, Zagreb, Croatia

EDUCATION

- 10/2012-11/2016 PhD, University of Zagreb, School of Medicine, Zagreb, Croatia
Thesis title: Analysis of causes of death of patients with systemic lupus erythematosus followed-up in a tertiary hospital center during a ten-year period (2002-2011)
- 2004-2010 University of Zagreb, School of Medicine, Zagreb, Croatia
Doctor of Medicine (A GPA 4.976/5.000)

TRAINING

- 01/2012-5/2018 **Residency in Rheumatology**
Department of Internal Medicine, University Hospital Centre Zagreb, Croatia
- 10/2015-3/2016 **Department of Internal Medicine III, Division of Rheumatology, Medical University of Vienna, Vienna General Hospital, Vienna, Austria**
- 6-month clinical training at the rheumatology outpatient clinic (general rheumatology clinic, musculoskeletal ultrasound and triage clinic), rheumatology day hospital and the inpatient rheumatology ward, under the supervision of Professor Daniel Aletaha and senior faculty members of the Division. Furthermore, working on an epidemiology-based research project on the role of hepcidin and haemoglobin as parameters of inflammation in patients with rheumatoid arthritis, under supervision of Professor Daniel Aletaha. I also took part in the updating of the EULAR Online Course module on rheumatoid arthritis, as a junior author with Dr. Aletaha.
- 10/2010–10/2011 **Medical Internship, University Hospital Centre Zagreb, Zagreb, Croatia**
- 09/2010 **Medical elective at the Hamburg-Eppendorf University Clinic (Cardiology)**
- 08-09/2009 **Medical elective at the McGill University Health Centre, Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal, Quebec, Canada**
Department of Medicine, Division of Rheumatology
- working under supervision with patients in the general rheumatology and systemic lupus erythematosus outpatient clinic (mentor: Dr. HA Menard and Dr. C Pineau)

EDITORIAL ROLES

- 5/2024→ **Editor-in-chief, Reumatizam** (journal of the Croatian Society for Rheumatology)
4/2025→ **Guest Editor, Pharmacia** (special issue: Bridging Science and Innovation Advances in Diagnosis, Therapy, and Translation Medicine)

RESEARCH

- 05/2010→ **University Hospital Centre Zagreb and University of Zagreb School of Medicine, Department of Internal Medicine, Division of Clinical Immunology and Rheumatology, Hospital-based registry of patients with systemic lupus erythematosus, Zagreb, Croatia**
Maintaining and updating the registry, serving as the PI for the registry since 2020
- The registry includes data on patients with suspected and/or diagnosed systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE), followed up by the Division since the 1980s. Data are regularly reviewed by rheumatology consultants of the Division. The registry serves as a foundation for the Division's research activities focused on SLE.
 - Current activities include (1) revising the registry into a longitudinal format using RedCap, (2) thematic registry on lupus nephritis, (3) registry of childhood-onset SLE patients transitioned into adult rheumatology care
- 10/2024→ **Collaboration between the UHC Zagreb and the University of Athens (Prof. Antonis Fanouriakis)**
- Projects related to (1) outcomes of early treatment of SLE patients with biological agents and (2) non-renal outcomes of patients with lupus nephritis (in progress)
- 9/2023→ **Collaboration with the University of Strasbourg (Prof. Laurent Arnaud)**
- Member of the working groups of projects on physical activity in patients with SLE, treatment of rare manifestations of SLE, lupus brain fog, vulnerabilities in SLE, essential disease-related knowledge of patients with SLE
- 11/2022→ **ELUSIDATE – European Lupus Inception Cohort Developing Initiative**
convened by Dr. Anne Trolborg (Denmark) and Dr. Silvia Piantoni (Italy)
- PI for UHC Zagreb; Ethical Committee approval obtained in 10/2025
- 2021→ **EULAR study group on MHC-I-opathies**
convened by Dr. Franktien Turkstra (The Netherlands)
- The aim of the study group is to establish a network for translation research of MHC-I-opathies on a European level. Within the group I take part in the section for clinical affairs
- 12/2021→ **How to best support research activities among health professionals in rheumatology (HPRs)**
EULAR Taskforce project convened by Dr. Erika Mosor (Austria)
- The aim of the project is to identify needs of health professionals in conducting research in the field of rheumatology.
- 2019-2021 **EULAR/ACR classification criteria for SLE**
- I have taken part in the validation part of the project, providing data on the clinical and laboratory features of 100 SLE patients and 100 controls from my institution, in the validation phase of the project
- 12/2017-7/2022 **Development of EULAR points to consider/recommendations for including the perspective of young patients with inflammatory arthritis into patient-reported outcome measures**
EULAR Taskforce project convened by Dr. Paul Studenic and Dr. Alessia Alunno
- The aim of the project was to identify common themes important to young adults with chronic inflammatory arthritis across several European countries, to explore whether these themes are covered by the existing patient-reported outcomes (PROs) and, finally, to develop points to consider/recommendations for the clinical assessment of young adults with chronic inflammatory arthritis, with a focus on PROs. I have served as the PI for my institution.

- 10/2015-3/2017 **Medical University of Vienna, Vienna General Hospital, Department of Medicine III, Division of Rheumatology, Vienna, Austria**
Epidemiology group, Supervisor: Prof. Daniel Aletaha
 - An epidemiology-based project on the role of hepcidin and haemoglobin as parameters of inflammation in patients with rheumatoid arthritis. Initial results of the project were presented as a poster at the 2016 EULAR Congress. The final research paper was published in March 2017 (Seminars in Arthritis and Rheumatism).
- 2012-2018 **University Hospital Centre Zagreb and University of Zagreb School of Medicine, Department of Internal Medicine, Division of Clinical Immunology and Rheumatology, Zagreb, Croatia**
Postdoctoral fellow (formerly PhD Student) under supervision of Prof. Branimir Anić
 - Analysis of mortality and causes of death of patients with systemic lupus erythematosus. Identification of demographic and disease characteristics associated with early and late death, analysis of data recording quality in death certificates of SLE patients. The project is based on data from the institutional registry of patients with systemic lupus erythematosus, matched with the National Death Registry.

JOURNAL MANUSCRIPT PEER REVIEWS

Rheumatology International, Clinical Rheumatology, RMD Open, Lupus, BMC Rheumatology, Croatian Medical Journal, Journal of Medical Case Reports, Lijecnicki Vjesnik, The Clinical Respiratory Journal, Experimental and Therapeutic Medicine

COURSES ATTENDED

- 12/2018 2nd EULAR Musculoskeletal Sonography Course for Rheumatologists – Intermediate, Zagreb, Croatia
- 2017-2018 EULAR Online Course on Rheumatic Diseases (successfully completed)
- 2017-2018 EULAR Online Course on Musculoskeletal Ultrasound (successfully completed)
- 02/2017 7th EUSTAR Scleroderma Course, Split, Croatia
- 05/2015 7th EULAR Scientifically Endorsed Course on SLE, Pisa
- 06-08/2013 Statistics in Medicine Online Course, Stanford University (9 weeks)
- 03/2013 Intensive Course in Applied Epidemiology, University of Aberdeen, Aberdeen

TEACHING

- 10/2025→ Deputy Director, Postgraduate course in Rheumatology, School of Medicine, University of Zagreb
- 2021→ Lecturer, Postgraduate course in Rheumatology, School of Medicine, University of Zagreb
- 2019→ Lecturer in Internal Medicine and Clinical Propedeutics at the Department of Internal Medicine, University Hospital Centre Zagreb and School of Medicine, University of Zagreb, Zagreb, Croatia

MENTORING PhD STUDENTS

- 1/2022→ Ivana Ježić, MD; thesis proposal entitled "The effect of comorbidity at diagnosis on organ damage in patients with systemic lupus erythematosus", thesis proposal approved by the PhD board of the University of Zagreb, School of Medicine

AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2017 International Medis Award for Medical Research in the field of Rheumatology (for the research paper co-authored with Dr. Daniel Aletaha, published in Seminars in Arthritis and Rheumatism)
- 2016 Co-author of an awarded abstract and poster at the Central European Congress of Rheumatology, Prague, Czech Republic

2015 nominated by the University of Zagreb, School of Medicine as the School's representative at the 12th International Postgraduate Conference in Hradec Kralove, Czech Republic

SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES

2016 Bursary of the Czech Rheumatology Society to attend the Central European Congress of Rheumatology (CECR)

2016 EULAR travel bursary to the Annual EULAR Congress

2015 EULAR bursary for the purpose of attending the 7th EULAR course on SLE

2013 University of Aberdeen bursary for the purpose of attending the Intensive Course in Applied Epidemiology

2010 University of Hamburg bursary covering the complete costs of the elective (*Famulatur*) in Cardiology

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

7/2025→ EULAR Education Sub-Committee – eLearning (Online Courses)

6/2021→ EULAR Education Committee – elected member

6/2019-12/2020 EULAR Standing Committee on Epidemiology and Health Services (SCEHSR) – co-opted member as a member of the EMEUNET Working Group

2016→ SLEuro

2012→ EMEUNET (Emerging European Network of the EULAR)

2017-2020 member of the EMEUNET Working Group and Social Media Subgroup

2012→ Croatian Medical Association

2012→ Croatian Society for Rheumatology

2018-11/2025 president and co-founder of the Young Rheumatology Section

2023→ member of the Executive Committee

ORGANIZATIONAL SKILLS

12/2023 Meeting of the Young Rheumatology Section of the Croatian Society for Rheumatology, “ANCA associated vasculitides – novelties in the approach and therapy” – complete organization

9/2023 Webinar of the Young Rheumatology Section of the Croatian Society for Rheumatology, “SLE update 2023” – organization and moderating

5/2019→ 1st meeting of the Young Rheumatology Section of the Croatian Society for Rheumatology, “SLE – novelties in the approach and therapy” – complete organization

12/2018→ Central European Congress of Rheumatology, Zagreb, Croatia

- coordination of the scientific session dedicated to young rheumatologists

LANGUAGES

Croatian native

English fluent (TOEFL score: 111/120; October 21, 2007)

German advanced (University of Vienna C2.1 score: 78/80 – very good; December 15, 2015)

COMPUTER SKILLS

Microsoft Windows, Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint); experience in statistical analysis including basic statistics, regression modelling and principal component analysis in SPSS, Statistica, GraphPad Prism and Epi Info, basic R programming

PUBLICATION LIST (Pubmed, January 30, 2026)

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