

Dear PACES Colleagues,

I would like to have your support and your vote for me as PACES International Liaison.

I completed my cardiology and EP training in 2006 at the German Heart Centre in Munich and practiced as a consultant. In 2009 I became the Clinical Lead of invasive EP in Melbourne, Australia and started the invasive EP program with focusing on low/zero fluoroscopy.

The EP lab has always been and still is my passion. Therefore, I felt very honored to be part of the MAP-IT group and the PACES team, developing the Pediatric Ablation Guidelines. My other focus is on sudden death prevention. With PACES, I worked in the Advocacy Committee, the QI Committee and I contributed to PACES driven multicenter studies on HCM and CPVT. In my 16 years of PACES membership, I witnessed PACES develop from a core and dynamic North American organization to an international one that impacts the future of Pediatric Electrophysiology. Personally, I benefited tremendously from PACES: my current position in Australia was an ad on the PACES website. I have always been motivated by the meetings to improve my clinical and academic work and have been supported by the great PACES network of colleagues and friends all over the world.

I run for this position to give back and to continue the amazing work by extending PACES' recent international initiatives. I am happy to use my 2023/24 sabbatical to drive one selected project personally. So far, some thoughts include:

- Enriching and activating PACES Second Opinion Forum, for it is too good to be underutilized.
- Enabling observation and clinical exchanges through the Travel Grants
- Extending EP support to units in other underserved countries beyond Venezuela
- Amplifying the drive of the emerging leaders and the social media group to the international stage.

What makes me think that I could do the job?

Having been working in Germany and Australia, I understand two distinct health systems. Teaching fellows from all over the world gives me a multicultural and global perspective of international health systems. Being a member of the steering committee of an Australian-wide sudden death registry, I have experience in community engagement, organization and leadership. As an advisor of a MedTech start-up, I am familiar with industrial relations and health business operations. Institution-wise, I am part of the upcoming Task Force for the CEPS-Physician Exam. I am currently the Australian representative for Pediatric EP in the APHRS. I liaised between PACES, AEPC and APHRS and helped establish the first Asian PEDIRHYTYM congress. My affiliation to the Asia-Pacific, together with my European background and ongoing connections with other organizations, can strengthen PACES on an international scale.

In short, on behalf of PACES and with your help, I would like to promote research, quality of care and improve access to treatment internationally. This can be done by increasing the awareness of pediatric and congenital electrophysiology on the organizational, public, industrial and community level. I hope you will give me the opportunity to serve the PACES membership as International Liaison with your vote.

Thank You

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