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Dear EKITA Board Members,

I am delighted to submit my application for the Vice Chair position.

I was in two minds before proceeding with this application. On one hand, I only recently joined the Board. The pandemic has made everything more complicated with few opportunities of face to face interactions or opportunities of working together. Unfortunately, I did not have the chance to meet some of you in person.

On the other hand, I am very enthusiastic about all the opportunities we have in engaging new roles and initiatives within EKITA and ESOT. I had similar roles in the past and I am very keen to promote EKITA in different perspectives.

If elected, I see myself playing mostly a coordinating role; the EKITA board includes clinicians with different talents and expertise. I see that as a fantastic opportunity to encourage collaboration among ourselves and other societies / ESOT members. My vision would be each EKITA member to lead to a field of her/his expertise (ie education, training, international collaborations, events, endorsements, innovations in kidney transplantation). The Vice Chair would coordinate the actions to promote collaboration and avoid duplicating work among members. This would be under the guidance and support of the Chair.

Having worked in three different countries (Greece, USA, UK), I have experience collaborating productively with people from different backgrounds and different visions. This post is a marvellous opportunity to work together and promote EKITA. Unfortunately, in UK we burnt our bridges following Brexit and this has been a painful, but valuable lesson: We are all different, but by building bridges we can work together and promote our mutual values.

With Best Wishes,

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