

It is an honour to stand in the election for the next President of EUSEM. The opportunity to lead this outstanding organisation would be an immense privilege.

I believe I have the breadth and depth of experience in Emergency Medicine and in leadership at the very highest level which would be of value in driving the EUSEM agenda.

My roles in this regard have included the following:

- President of the Royal College of Emergency Medicine
- President of the British Association for Emergency Medicine
- Vice-President EUSEM
- Clinical Director of the Emergency Department at University Hospital Southampton
- Editor of the Emergency Medicine Journal (then Journal of A&E Medicine)

I have extensive experience in working constructively with government, national departments of health, other medical colleges and international medical organisations, the media and the general public to highlight the issues involving Emergency Medicine and establish a productive dialogue resulting in sustainable improvement.

The next President will build on the excellent work undertaken by Luis and his predecessors. Emergency Medicine is, of course, a team event and my role as President would be to lead on shaping and delivering the strategy agreed with the EUSEM Board and Council.

In my view the principal roles of EUSEM are:

- To optimise the care of patients in our Emergency Departments, with patient safety paramount, by the development of measures of quality and a description of the workforce required to provide such a service 24/7
- To represent the interests of the members of EUSEM and enhance the value of membership

In the UK Brexit looms with ever-increasing uncertainty. However, my position regarding this issue is clear:

- Emergency Medicine has no borders and is a truly international specialty regardless of political shifts
- My personal commitment to Europe may be illustrated by my children. My daughter is married to a Malagueno and lives in Seville. My younger son lives in Barcelona

No one should underestimate the time required to undertake the role of EUSEM President successfully. My own circumstances are that I work at the University Hospital Southampton, a tertiary centre, on a less than full time basis which, if I were to be successful in this election, would allow ample dedicated time to deliver the responsibilities required of the President.

Thank you for your consideration.

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