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Statement

In my vision of Emergency Medicine there is a path made of encounters and comparisons. The long road that leads individuals to build a community. It was so within the National Societies when, gradually, from the commitment of a few who came from the most disparate medical specialties, a core of knowledge and ideas was formed that gave birth to what we now call Emergency Medicine, in its different meanings for the various countries. The path is no different for the European Society. The experience of individuals and Scientific Societies that matured at the national level, the goals, the problems meet and confront each other and a European way of seeing and solving the same critical issues is born. This vision of a higher-level community appears of particular importance now that we are witnessing the return to rigidly national ideas in many countries in various areas. The emergency medical community must remain a European community. Many shared problems such as the recent and ongoing Coronavirus pandemic, but also the forgotten crisis of wars close to us and immigration, the problem of employment and training of young doctors, the professional identity of the emergency physician, the quality of Emergency medical care, all need a European-wide response. As Treasurer of EUSEM I will fulfill the task of supervising Society's investments and assessing the financial implications of its initiatives in full collaboration with the other members of the Board and taking into account the interests and suggestions of all members of the Society. In working alongside the Board and the Council in their administrative functions, I will pursue the commitment to maintain and revive the community spirit that has always animated our Society.

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