

YEMD Board Application Form – PART 1

Post Applied For	CO-CHAIR OF THE YOUNG EMERGENCY MEDICINE DOCTORS SECTION (YEMD)
Candidate Name	Marialessia Capuano

1. Personal Statement/Motivation Letter (max: 500 words)

Please use the space below to highlight any key skills, qualifications, achievements or experience which evidence your suitability for the role:

My skills and qualifications are explained in my curriculum; what you won't find written there are my motivations.

Some years ago I read a poem, "The road not taken", written by Robert Frost, that ends with the sentence: "Two roads diverged in a wood and I, I took the one less travelled by and that has made all the difference". In this poem, the author describes the process of being at a crossroad and choosing the road to take. That's where we are: after years of pandemic, limits, interpersonal distances, masks, we are at a crossroad and we have to choose the road to take.

We can keep moving forward, taking back our freedoms as the last three years didn't exist at all, or we can try to redraw our habits, showing that we have learnt something from all that pain and death.

If every crisis comes with a chance of rebirth, we must exploit this period of "disorientation" to find new coordinates: the respect of our health care systems and the specialists who work there, the improvement of the quality of care in our emergency departments, that are the touchpoints between communities and hospitals, the increase in funding the scientific research in emergency and critical care field, the homogenization of emergency Doctors skills and competences, the improvement of working conditions in the emergency departments.

After years in which the pandemic has destroyed so much, I believe that it's necessary to restart to build and do it with strong roots and long arms.

But we can't do it by ourselves, living in our little worlds. What we need is a team-work and a team-effort to improve our healthcare systems and our emergency departments that have been under pressure in the last years.

Maybe, working as a great international team of emergency physicians may require more effort and greater sacrifices, but I think that this is the only way to put the healthcare systems at the center of the national and international concern.

Maybe this may require taking the road less travelled, but I'm sure that this will make all the difference.

Declaration

In submitting this application I declare that the information I have given is correct. I understand that if I have used misleading information, I may be subject to disciplinary action, the outcome of which can include dismissal from the election process.

Name: Marialessia Capuano, MD

Date: 24/09/2022

Signature: 