



Subject: SIOP Chair scientific board, letter of motivation,

To prof. dr. S.Hunger, Chair scientific Board of SIOP,

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Dear Professor Hunger, Stephen,

With this letter I would like to express my interest in the position of chair of the scientific committee of the SIOP.

I am senior consultant, and have been working in pediatric Hematology/Oncology, in the ErasmusMC-Sophia Children's Hospital, Rotterdam for more than 25 years (Associate professor since 2008). In 2015, I moved to Utrecht, as one of the first pioneers, to support the mission of centralizing pediatric oncology care in the Netherlands for children with cancer in the Princess Máxima Center for Pediatric Oncology.. The aim of this centralization process is to enhance survival rates, as well as to reduce early and late toxicity for children with cancer, by concentrating care and research expertise on a national level..

I was appointed as Professor in Translational Pediatric Oncology at the University of Utrecht, in July 2016. In addition, I received one of the 4 PMC Senior PI positions for clinical research. The broad interest field of my past clinical and research interests within Pediatric Oncology is reflected by the various fields (Hemato-oncology, solid tumors, early and late toxicity), and the consequent involvement in many international multidisciplinary networks of pediatric oncology (including pediatric oncologists, psycho-oncologists, molecular biologists, epidemiologists etc)), in Europe, as well as on a global level. In addition, my scientific track record, may be instrumental in the function of SIOP Chair of the scientific committee (elect).

My past positions as chair of EWOG MDS, Executive Board member of the EU-Pancare LIFE consortium, as well as my active membership of the IBFM-AML Study Group have enriched my skills to connect and encourage collaborating in care and research activities in existing as well as

*novel* international networks. Since 1999, I have been involved in the SIOP-RTSG group, under the charismatic leadership of Dr. J de Kraker. I am grateful for the opportunity, to now chair the national translational program for children with renal tumors in the Prinses Máxima Center. My current position as co-chair of the SIOP-RTSG, enables supporting care, research, educational and network initiatives throughout Europe and beyond, such as Asia, South America, Australia, as well as outreach initiatives in sub-Saharan countries and widening countries in Eastern Europe. The connective activities with SIOP-e, SIOP young investigators as well as the collaboration with the COG RTSG have been of substantial value. I consider supporting these countries also in feasible training and research initiatives as an important challenge for the SIOP scientific Board.

Those of you that know me in person, will confirm that, apart from using my organizational skills, the identification of young talents in the field, stimulation of international collaboration by human bridges, the encouragement of basic as well as translational, and clinical relevant research, as well as educational activities, contributing to the vision to cure more children with cancer with less toxicity in the future, determine daily life pleasure in my profession.

As this all breaths the vision of SIOP, I would be honored to cordially use my experience and skills to serve SIOP as chair of the scientific committee, for the next term, if that would be allowed.

My very best wishes,

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