

NOMINATION FORM ISPAD OFFICERS ELECTION



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Nationality: Swiss

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Profession: MD

Country of Residence: Switzerland

Present position:

Head of Pediatric Endocrine and Diabetes Unit, University Children's Hospital Geneva, Switzerland since 2006

Previous positions:

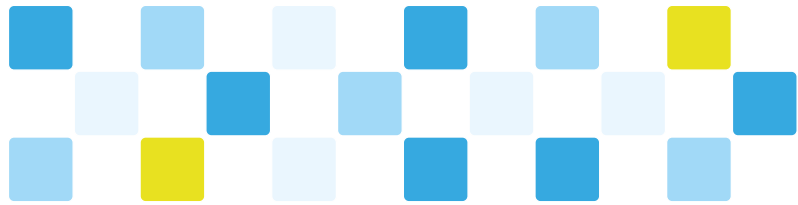
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Previous ISPAD role(s):

Delegate for the ISPAD at the ISPAE meeting in 2025 in India

Other relevant positions/memberships:

2002- European Society for Paediatric Endocrinology (ESPE)
2002- The Endocrine Society
2003- European association for the study of diabetes (EASD)
2003- International society for pediatric and adolescent diabetes (ISPAD)
2013-2019 President Swiss Society for Pediatric Endocrinology and Diabetes (SSEDP/SGPED)
2017 American Diabetes Association (ADA)
2019- President Swiss Diabetes Foundation (SDS)
2015-2023 Vice-President Diabetes Center, Medical Faculty, University of Geneva Center
2020- International scientific advisory board; Medical School, University of Linz, Austria
2018- Editor Journal Swiss Medical Review



Main research interests:

My main research interests center on elucidating the genetic architecture of diabetes, including both type 1 diabetes and monogenic forms, to advance our understanding of disease heterogeneity across diverse populations. I am particularly focused on dissecting the immunogenetic and metabolic pathways that contribute to variable phenotypes and clinical trajectories in type 1 diabetes. By integrating genomic, biomarker, and clinical data, I aim to develop precision medicine strategies that enable earlier diagnosis, individualized treatment, and effective prevention of complications. A key aspect of my work is the identification of novel approaches to mitigate cardiovascular risk and improve long-term outcomes in people living with diabetes, with particular attention to disparities among different ancestry groups.

☐ ISPAD President (2026-2028) | President Elect (2025-2026)

ims if elected:

☐ ISPAD Secretary General (2026-2028) | Secretary General Elect (2025-2026)

ims if elected:

☒ ISPAD Advisory Council (2025-2028)

☒ Physician

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As an Advisory Council member of ISPAD I aim to contribute to advancing the society's mission of improving care and outcomes for children, adolescents and young people with diabetes worldwide. I will work to promote the integration of genetic and precision medicine approaches into clinical practice, support initiatives that address the heterogeneity of type 1 diabetes across diverse populations, and foster research collaborations that accelerate the translation of scientific discoveries into tangible benefits for patients. Additionally, I am committed to strengthening strategies for the early detection and prevention of acute and chronic complications, particularly cardiovascular disease, and to supporting education and capacity building that empower healthcare professionals.

If elected to the Advisory Council, I would like to join one of the following Committees

(please indicate 1st and 2nd choice):

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Abstract Committee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Membership Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Communications Committee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Prize & Nominations Committee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Education Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Roving Reporters Committee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
E-learning Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The Science School Committee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fellowship Committee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			