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## Statement of Nominee

It is my great pleasure to serve as ECTS academy liaison on the ECTS Board in the upcoming year. Having joined ECTS only recently in 2020, the collaborative spirit and scientific quality of the various activities organised by the Society and Academy have impressed me greatly. Having served on Early Career Investigator subcommittees for several musculoskeletal research societies (European Orthopaedic Research Society 2017-2022, Osteoarthritis Research Society International 2014-2018), I can attest to the unique and innovative concept of the ECTS Academy and professionalism of the ECTS E-Learning Activities. The sense of community experienced at ECTS events is an invaluable asset to keep our membership engaged and to advance research and clinical management of musculoskeletal disorders. Exercising collaborative spirit in all aspects of academic research is of utmost importance to start addressing the many challenges we are facing in contemporary research. As I am passionate about networking and creating a transparent and collaborative research culture, I will strive to prioritize these items within the ECTS Academy as well as the ECTS Strategic Leadership. Finally, I would like to explore options to promote dialogue and interactions between basic and clinical-oriented members of the ECTS society.