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Subject: Letter of motivation for application to join the Executive Committee of WFHSS

Dear Dr. Christine Denis Dear Mr. Harry Oussoren

I would like to express my sincere interest in serving on the Executive Committee (EC) of the World Federation for Hospital Sterilization Sciences (WFHSS). With 26 years of experience in the field of the OR and hospital sterilization and a profound commitment to advancing the standards and practices of sterilization sciences globally, I am enthusiastic about the opportunity to contribute to the mission and vision of the WFHSS.

In the past 26 years, I have seen evolve the CSSD from a pragmatic appendix in the OR into the high-performing department we know today, as a full-fledged partner in healthcare facilities.

Medical devices are becoming increasingly complex to use, not least in reprocessing, where patient safety is crucial. I strongly believe that with our expertise and evidence-based science the CSSD is a key player in the roll-out of global standards and legislation, in the development of new medical devices and equipment, and in the monitoring of the quality of reprocessing.

I have dedicated my career to the field of hospital sterilization, working in various capacities including the University Hospital Ghent, where my role has equipped me with extensive knowledge and hands-on experience in the OR as well in sterilization processes, quality assurance, and compliance with international standards.

I have the privilege of being able to work with a fantastic team as president of the VSZ to put the CSSD on the map in Belgium. We aim to be the forum for sharing knowledge through conferences, working groups, intervision moments and education to professionalize the CSSD.

Since 2016, I have been working as an expert at the Superior Health Council and the national government in compiling national regulations.

Over the years I have been able to build an exquisite network with healthcare and industrial experts around the world to share knowledge and education. Hosting the WFHSS in Brussels last year marked a highlight.

The WFHSS plays a pivotal role in setting the benchmarks for hospital sterilization worldwide, and I am deeply committed to its vision of promoting excellence in sterilization sciences. If elected to the EC, I will passionately align with the WFHSS's mission to improve global health through high standards in sterilization practices, education and training, research and policy development.

By fostering collaboration among member organizations, enhancing professional development opportunities and promoting innovative and sustainable research, I believe we can collectively advance our field. Yes, we can!

I am excited about the prospect of serving on the EC and contributing to the continued success and growth of the WFHSS. I am confident that my background, skills, and dedication make me a strong candidate for this position. Thank you for considering my application. I look forward to the opportunity to further discuss my candidacy and how I can contribute to the WFHSS.

Yours sincerely, Krist Henrotin VSZ President

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