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

Dear Dr. Christine Denis

As soon as I started to work as an Expert in Sterile Medical Devices in the Amsterdam University Medical Center in Amsterdam in 2009 I realized and emphasized that the role of the CSSD department in taking care of the reusable medical devices, is crucial to ensure that every patient is treated with high quality, clean and sterile medical devices.

Since I started this career the medical devices became not only more complicated in their design, they also are being minimalized in size and diameter making it even harder for the CSSD departments to return save to use medical devices to the caretakers that uses these devices.

On the other hand best practices and evidence based science become more and more important to help the development of (new) ways to clean, disinfect and sterilize the medical devices.

In the Netherlands I highly emphasize and support the exchange of information between experts and CSSD department in several ways. Not only during our yearly congress but also in smaller discussion groups throughout the year so everybody can share his professional opinion on “hot topics” and scientific literature supports the outcome of these meetings.

Internationally I have had the opportunity to see how other countries are working in the CSSD departments, how they develop their methods, how they invent ways to coop with the daily problems they meet and how they struggle with the recognition of their important role in patient care in the hospitals.

The reasons to apply for the role in the Executive Committee of the WFHSS are:

Helping to make sure that the available information is exchanged between the different countries and CSSD departments

Helping the member countries to support and develop international harmonized standards so everybody can work in the (more or less) same way based on evidence and best practices, knowing that they fully service the patients of the hospitals the way they might expect form the hospitals.

Helping to get the worldwide recognition of the CSSD departments in the hospitals. With this recognition they can play an important role in the process of buying new medical devices so they can PREVENT possible problems instead of finding a way to solve the unexpected problems they arte being confronted with, once the medical devices are bought, used and brought to the CSSD departments for cleaning and disinfection.

Helping to organize the yearly WFHSS congress so people that will attend this meeting can be sure that they can make a positive move in their professional development by getting the correct information from renowned speakers in scientific sessions and that they will be up to date with the reality of this moment and what can be expected in the future.

Helping the member countries to implement the theoretical knowledge in their daily practice by supporting the training program, making countries and CSDD departments enthusiastic for this program and to get motivated to host the participants in their department to attend the practical training program

Since I think that the role of the WFHSS in helping everybody, no matter where they come from and what their local or national standards are, is of great importance to make the world a better place for the patients in our hospitals and for the people that work in the CSSD departments, I am gladly willing to invest my time and knowledge to this aid.

It would be a great honor for me if I were to be elected as an Executive Committee member so we can work together for the principles the WFHSS stands for and to serve the member countries in every way possible.

Looking forward to the next General Assembly to find out the results of this application

With kind regards



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