Mission statement for the post of President by Dr. Adamos Hadjipanayis, president-elect of EAP, during the EAP Winter Meeting, December 2018

Dear colleagues,

My name is Adamos Hadjipanayis, born and raised in Cyprus, currently working at the Larnaca General Hospital. I do both primary and secondary Paediatrics. You will have read my CV, so I do not propose to elaborate on that.

My involvement with and commitment to the EAP is extensive: I have been the national delegate for Cyprus since 1999, attending more than 40 meetings (and during my delegation I attended all the meetings except one!). I was elected as Chairman of the Secondary Care Group for two terms. I have been the webmaster of the webpage of European Academy of Paediatrics for the last two years; I am a member of the steering committee of EAPRASnet as well as being its Webmaster and Treasurer. And finally, as you all know, I am currently the Secretary General of EAP, first elected in December 2012 and re-elected for a second term in December 2016.

Some of the assignments/projects that I have been actively involved since the beginning of my association with EAP include:

1. Editing the book “European Mastercourse in Paediatrics”;
2. Being a member of the Organizing and Scientific committees of Europaediatrics conferences and EAPS;
3. Being a member of the Organizing and Scientific committees of the EAP Mastercourse and Congress;
4. Contributing to a number of statements on behalf of EAP;
5. Speaking at national and international conferences on behalf of EAP;
6. Negotiating for EAP with other organizations, PCO companies and other collaborators;
7. Representing EAP in other organizations such as European Medicines Agency.

In my daily activity in Cyprus, I am the Coordinator of the most important Greek paediatric website and through this have gained experience in dealing with government institutions, companies and PCOs. I am confident that that I have the depth of knowledge on how EAP functions; and, more importantly, that I have the vision, the skills and the passion to successfully contribute to achieving the objectives of the organisation.
I believe that I have what it takes:

• I am young enough to have visions and hopes ….. but old enough to have experience and the wisdom to make sound judgements.
• I have the commitment;
• I have the energy;
• And I am results oriented.

Should you give me the privilege of your preference, I shall do my best to dignify our profession by working together with all the members of the executive committee but also with the Chairs of the productive Working Groups, all the national delegates, all the active Individual members as well as with Young EAP members. YEAP is the future of EAP and I will do my best to support their initiatives.

It is a challenging time for the wellbeing of children but also for the wellbeing of those physicians who have dedicated an appreciable time of their training and work in paediatrics. This is going to be slipping out of our control if we don’t join forces and act at political levels, primarily at European level but also at the national and local levels to promote the best possible children’s health across Europe.

With our common purpose in mind and a mission to collaborate with all of you, I would be honoured to continue this journey with you.

Adamos Hadjipanayis

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