

To the ESID Society

Munich, June 19th 2022

Dear members of the ESID community,

My name is Ellen Renner and I would like to apply chairing the ESID Education Working Party for the next election period. I am one of the founders of the ESID Junior Working Party, an idea we had now almost 20 years ago at the Summer School in Portugal back in 2003.

The field of immunodeficiency caught my interest already during Medical School when I started my medical thesis on hyper-IgE syndrome (HIES) in cooperation with the NIH. Since that time the field of IEI and particularly hyper-IgE syndromes remain a straight line in my carrier with being part of discovering the autosomal recessive form of hyper-IgE syndrome (now called DOCK8-deficiency), identifying STAT3 as causative gene of the autosomal dominant form of hyper-IgE syndrome, the recent successful functional repair of STAT3 mutations with ABE gene editing by my team members, and many more exciting breakthroughs together with the ESID and CIS community.

After a residency in pediatrics at Dr. von Haunersches Kinderspital at LMU Munich, an internship at Hopital Necker Paris, and a senior fellowship at the Children`s Hospital Seattle & University of Washington in Seattle, I returned to the LMU and got the chance to establish an independent research group and to direct the immunodiagnostic lab for many years.

In 2016 I received a tenure track professorship at Technical University of Munich and my team and I are now located at the Helmholtz Center Munich and see patients at the Children`s Hospital Munich-Schwabing in the field of allergy, immunology, and pulmonary diseases.

Next to my dream once to be able to cure STAT3-HIES, I am always passionate about teaching and mentoring young people and seeing their careers unfold.

Thus, it would be a great honor to me now to return some of the enthusiasm and educational opportunities I received by the ESID society and to inspire (young) people for the field of primary immunodeficiencies.

As chair of the ESID educational working party I see my role in continuing and expanding ongoing education programs within the structured and interactive network including important aspects of clinic & research-related and carrier development topics. These tasks would certainly involve very close interactions with the ESID Junior Working Party supporting their great ideas.

Thank you for considering my application!

Sincerely yours,

Ellen Renner