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Dear members of the Immunocompromised Host Society,

I would like to apply for being re-elected for the International Council of the Immunocompromised Host Society. I was elected in 2018 for a first period, which, unfortunately, became a problematic time due to the COVID pandemic. Nevertheless, we were doing the best out of it, and are currently planning and organizing the face-to-face meeting in Basel in September 2022,

which will be exciting for all of us.

To briefly introduce myself to those of you who do not know me: I am a Professor of Pediatrics and work as a Pediatric Hematologist and Oncologist at the Johann Wolfgang Goethe-University, Frankfurt, Germany. My clinical and scientific interest focuses on infectious complications in children with cancer, the interaction of host immune cells and fungi, and the development of immunotherapeutic strategies against invasive fungal infections in hematopoietic stem cell transplant recipients. I am an author of more than 250 articles listed in PubMed, and I am first or senior author on clinical and laboratory articles published in highly ranked journals such as *Journal of Infectious Diseases*, *Clinical Infectious Diseases*, *Infection and Immunity*, *Journal of Clinical Oncology*, *Lancet Infectious Diseases* and *Lancet Oncology*. I currently chair the sections “Infection in the immunocompromised child” of both the German Society of Pediatric Infectious Diseases and German Society of Pediatric Oncology and Hematology. Until 2016, I was leading the section “Supportive Care” of the International Society of Pediatric Oncology.

As a passionate Pediatric Hematologist and Oncologist with a special interest in infectious diseases, I can significantly contribute to the mission of the Society. I believe that the combination of my clinical experience and bench-work is of major advantage in improving both the understanding of the host response of the immunocompromised patient and the clinical management in this patient population. In addition, I strongly believe that pediatricians should be represented in the International Council.

I would be very happy to have the chance of serving for a second period in the International Council.

Sincerely,

Thomas Lehrnbecher, MD