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After my graduation in Medicine in 1989, I have been working in the field of pediatric transplantation since my training as a pediatrician, in Monza, Italy. During my visiting fellowship at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle in 1994 I had the chance to write a pioneer paper dealing with unrelated donor transplantation in pediatrics. Later on, in 2005, I could sign a pivotal paper showing the benefit of transplantation over chemotherapy in pediatric patients affected with very high-risk acute lymphoblastic leukemia.

Since 2009 I'm a member of the Board of the Pediatric Disease Working Party of the EBMT and I served as a Secretary up to 2014. Since 2015 I became the Chairman of the Stem Cell Transplantation Committee of the International BFM Study Group, a 30-country scientific group focused on pediatric hematological malignancies.

I am standing for election to the position of Chairman of the Pediatric Disease Working Party. In such a position, I would mainly focus on:

- promoting clinical trials - To date, the evidence upon which a decision is made about whether and how to transplant a child or manage his complications is rarely based on data from randomized trials. Following a protocol benefits patients, even regardless of the randomization question.
- building international collaborations - Only through cross-border collaborations our relevant therapeutic questions can be asked.
- fostering interactions among EBMT Working Parties - Diseases and transplant-related toxicities affecting children, adolescents and young adults are rarely exclusive of minors and are transversal to the other Working Parties.
- enhancing translational research - In the exciting era of the so-called "precision medicine", new tools add to manage refractory diseases and academic or company-driven protocols investigate the safety and the efficacy of innovative cell products.
- giving value to the EBMT Registry - Data collected within our valuable observational database do allow to address relevant issues.
- making activities and education accessible also in low income Countries -
- investing in the participation of the youngest - Coaching young scientists is our best investment.
- encouraging each EBMT Member - Regardless of the size of each center, any member is welcome to propose a project. The Clinical Trial Evaluation task force, previously built within the PD WP, rates and, whenever appropriate, supports the study.

All the above would be challenging tasks, which I'm positive we would be able to work on, as long as we joined our efforts. Looking forward to working with you all!

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