

## 2024 Nominee for Councilor for Inclusion & Training

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Please briefly describe why you believe you are suitable to serve as a member of the Council. Consider the following within your response: What do you think should be the ICIS's top priorities over the next three to five years, and what challenges might come? How might the ICIS serve our membership better in your view? In what way has your background given you a diverse perspective?

My focus will be on creating diverse and inclusive young scientist-focused events for the annual meeting and establishing cytokine-related educational programs for outreach. My background has been enriched by extensive work experience in both Europe and the USA. I've had the pleasure of working alongside colleagues from all over the world which has given me a multicultural perspective, enhancing my ability to understand and appreciate diverse viewpoints.

Please list your current and/or past participation in ICIS committees. Include committee membership, positions of leadership, speaking invitations, etc.

Member of the ICIS early-career researchers (ECR) committee and Invitation to speak - ICIS Symposium at AAI 2024 in Chicago.

List any other relevant qualifications for office, including any non-ICIS volunteer or other leadership activities. (Not a CV.)

- yEFIS spokesperson (2021-2023) The Young European Federation of Immunological Societies (yEFIS) is an initiative designed to support ECRs in immunology across Europe. Launched in 2020 under the European Federation of Immunological Societies (EFIS), yEFIS counts now more than 1000 members.
- Board member of the French Club of Young Immunologists (2021-2023)