

Election

2025 Elections – N&AHP Committee – Chairperson Elect

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Previous positions as ESICM officer

Type	Country	Function	Section	From	To
Other		N& AHP elect member			

Specialisation

Speciality	Diploma	Year of qualification	Type speciality
Additional speciality	PHD a Doctorate in Health Sciences at the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences	2025	Epidemiology and Prevention of Surgical Site Infection in Cardiac Surgery in Sicily a region endemic for multidrug resistant organisms
Primary speciality	Bachelor Honours Nursing	2010	General nursing
Additional speciality	Diploma in Psychology	2005	Psychology
Additional speciality	Master	2014	Healthcare Management

Positions

Institution	Department	Function	From	To
ISMETT IRCCS UPMC	icu	icu nurse		
ISMETT IRCCS UPMC	INFECTION CONTROL	INFECTION CONTROL NURSE		

ISMETT IRCCS UPMC	MAGNET PROGRAM COORDINATOR	MAGNET PROGRAM COORDINATOR		
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Professional Bodies Appointments

Society	Status	From	to
esicm	elect member		

Comments

Details on your candidature

I am writing to express my interest in serving as Chairperson of the N&AHP Committee. With a background as a critical care nurse and current experience as an Infection Control Nurse and Magnet Program coordinator spanning over ten years, I bring to this role a strong foundation in interdisciplinary collaboration, scientific research, and clinical leadership. I will publicly defend my PhD dissertation on “Risk Factors and Prevention of Surgical Site Infections in a Cardiac Surgery Unit in Sicily” on September 11, 2025, completing a Doctorate in Health Sciences at the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences at Ghent University. This work has deepened my expertise in clinical epidemiology, systematic reviews, and statistical analysis, key skills that I hope to use to further the mission of the Committee and of ESICM more broadly.

My academic training includes a Bachelor’s in Nursing (University College Dublin), a Master’s in Healthcare Management (Università LUM Jean Monnet, Italy), and postgraduate certificates in infectious disease management, clinical trials, and research methodology. Since 2018, I have led infection prevention programs at ISMETT IRCCS UPMC.

My clinical background supports a practical, multidisciplinary approach to problem-solving and education.

As an elected member of the N&AHP Committee since 2019, I had the honour of serving as Scientific Director for a multidisciplinary, ESICM-endorsed course in Palermo in 2023, which brought together over 100 clinicians from across Italy/Europe. This hybrid course, organized in collaboration with ISMETT UPMC focused on infection prevention, teamwork, and clinical decision-making in the ICU. Delivered through workshops, simulations, and interprofessional discussions, it was positively evaluated by participants, institutional partners, and external reviewers. The course also served as a pilot to explore the feasibility of replicating similar ESICM-supported educational events across Europe.

If selected as Chairperson, I would work to:

- Expand multidisciplinary educational offerings across Europe, with a focus on hands-on, scenario-based training tailored for N&AHPs. The ESICM-ISMETT course held in Palermo was a clear success requiring significant coordination and effort but it demonstrated the strong appetite for interprofessional learning. I am confident that this

model can be easily adapted and replicated in other countries, helping bring nurses and allied health professionals closer to the Society and its mission.

- Strengthen research engagement by fostering mentorship and research literacy in infection prevention, sepsis, and ICU quality;
- Enhance representation of N&AHPs within ESICM committees and scientific programs;
- Support the Diversity and Inclusiveness Monitoring Group by amplifying underrepresented voices and professional profiles.

I actively contribute to the academic development of future healthcare professionals by supervising master's theses in infection prevention and healthcare quality, and I have delivered invited lectures internationally, including at Ghent University. My scholarly work includes over 15 peer-reviewed publications and numerous presentations at leading scientific meetings such as ESICM and ECCMID. Through my ongoing efforts to promote evidence-based practice and professional excellence in nursing and allied health, I strive to foster a culture of continuous improvement and interprofessional collaboration. Fluent in English and Italian, I thrive in diverse, international environments where multidisciplinary perspectives are valued.

I am deeply committed to advancing the role of nurses and allied health professionals in shaping the future of intensive care. In my current role as Magnet Program Coordinator, I actively promote excellence in nursing practice, interprofessional collaboration, and patient outcomes, key pillars of the Magnet recognition. I would be honored to continue contributing to ESICM's mission through this leadership role, bringing the same dedication to quality, innovation, and professional development on a European scale.

Financial interests

Description

Source

Academic interests

Description

Declare no conflict of interest

Yes

I hereby certify that I have read and understood the Statutes of ESICM.

Yes

I hereby certify that I have read and understood the job description for the position I am applying to.

Yes

I am able to dedicate enough time to perform the job and attend the regular meetings necessary for this position.

Yes

I hereby certify that I agree on all the tasks described in the job description and agree to undertake them.

Yes

I confirm that the information given in this form is to the best of my knowledge and belief, true and accurate.

Yes