

Election

2025 Elections – National Representative Belgium

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Previous positions as ESICM officer

Specialisation

Speciality	Diploma	Year of qualification	Type speciality
Primary speciality	Intensive Care Medicine	2014	Intensive Care Medicine
Additional speciality	Anesthesiology	2013	Anesthesiology

Positions

Institution	Department	Function	From	To
KU Leuven	Laboratory of Intensive Care Medicine	Professor (since 2024)		
KU Leuven	Laboratory of Intensive Care Medicine	Associate Professor (from 2019 to 2024)		
KU Leuven	Laboratory of Intensive Care Medicine	Assistant Professor (from 2014 to 2019)		
University Hospital Leuven	Intensive Care Medicine	Consultant intensivist (since 2014)		

Professional Bodies Appointments

Society	Status	From	to
Belgian Society of Intensive Care Medicine (SIZ)	Board member (elected position), from 2022 to 2026		

Belgian Society of Intensive Care Medicine (SIZ)	Member (since 2013)		
European Society of Intensive Care Medicine (ESICM)	Member (since 2015)		

Comments

Details on your candidature

Dear colleagues,

With great enthusiasm, I want to apply for a position as national representative at ESICM.

I am board-certified intensivist since 2014, and I combine my clinical work as intensivist at UZ Leuven with research and education as Professor at KU Leuven. I am also responsible for the training programme of intensivists at the department of intensive care medicine in UZ Leuven (“stagemeester”, “maître de stage”). I have a particular research interest in the metabolic and endocrine mechanisms of organ failure in critical illness, and I have a broad (inter)national network.

I am ESICM member since 2015, and I am well acquainted with the society. I have contributed to many research and educational activities initiated or endorsed by ESICM. I am active member of the ESICM-FREM section, and I have represented the section in the Clinical Training Committee (2024) and in the Academic Subcommittee under the Education and Training Committee (2025). I have been co-author of the ESICM-eLearning modules on ICU nutrition, core faculty member of a 2-day online course on ICU nutrition (yearly since 2022), and tutor of 1-week fellowships on this topic in UZ Leuven (yearly since 2022). I am EDIC-II examiner since 2019 (yearly since 2021). I have been steering committee member of different research projects initiated within the ESICM-FREM section, and I have contributed to several other ESICM-endorsed studies. In 2022, ESICM granted me the Fundamental Research Award, which provided funding for a translational multicenter project. I have been scientific mentor for the Research Learning Pathway level 3 organized by the society (2023–2024). Also within Belgium, I have initiated or contributed to a considerable number of multicenter studies in both academic and non-academic hospitals, and I am involved in the interuniversity course in intensive care medicine for the Dutch-speaking intensivists in training. Hence, apart from being an experienced clinician, I am a clinical scientist with different active research projects in collaboration with national and international colleagues, and I have a substantial engagement in education. I have a senior clinical investigator fellowship grant by FWO and I have published more than 145 manuscripts in peer-reviewed scientific journals.

I am elected board member of the Belgian Society of Intensive Care Medicine (SIZ) since 2022. As scientific society, SIZ aims to promote education and research in intensive care

medicine, as well as knowledge exchange and collaboration between centers. Also, the society has a key role in informing policy makers, and provides advice on the organization of ICU care, with the ultimate aim of promoting sustainable qualitative care at the bedside.

If I am elected, I would be a liaison between the Belgian and European Society of Intensive Care Medicine, which would be a great advantage for both societies, as many aspects of their mission overlap. It would be an honor if I could be your national representative at ESICM. Thank you for considering my candidacy.

Best regards,

Jan

Financial interests

Description

Not applicable

Source

Academic interests

Description

Not applicable for this position.

I have received research grants by Research Foundation–Flanders (senior clinical investigator fellowship, funding for different research projects), the European Society of Intensive Care Medicine (Fundamental Research Award 2022), KU Leuven (C2 and STG funding), and UZ Leuven (2 senior clinical investigator fellowships). All research grants have been paid to my institution.

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