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Dear Dr. Camillo Fulchignoni and YEHS Board,

I am writing to express my interest in the role of Head of Education/Fellowship for the Young European Hand Surgeon Committee. Currently in my second year of plastic surgery residency at the LMU Clinic in Munich under the guidance of Professor Riccardo E. Giunta, I am deeply committed to advancing education, training, and knowledge exchange in hand surgery across Europe. Under the mentorship of Elisabeth Haas-Lützenberger, a distinguished FESSH member and early board member of the Young European Hand Surgeon Committee, I have gained valuable insights into the importance of networking and knowledge exchange among colleagues worldwide.

Raised in Spain and educated at the Swiss School, I have been immersed in an international environment from a young age, developing a love for international exchange as well as for learning and teaching. At 19, I moved to Germany to study medicine, and throughout my educational journey, I have been actively involved in teaching and mentoring. As a resident at the university hospital LMU Clinic, one of our daily tasks is to educate medical students and I am thankful and dedicated to teaching especially to introduce and share the joy of hand and microsurgery. I also assist my attendants in courses on osteosynthesis and microsurgery at our clinic. Outside of medicine, I have held leadership roles as the president of my student dormitory, gaining communication, organization and teamwork skills.

The goals of the Young European Hand Surgeon Committee deeply resonate with me, and I am eager to contribute to its mission. My experience, mentorship, background, and passion for education and research make me confident that I can make a meaningful contribution to the Committee's educational initiatives.

Thank you for considering my application. I am excited about the opportunity to contribute to the growth of YEHS and promote the field of hand surgery among young surgeons in Europe.

Best regards,

Irene Mesas Aranda