

Dear YESH Committee,

I am pleased to submit my application for the position of Secretary of the Young European Hand Surgeons (YEHS). As a 4th-year resident in Orthopedics at Rome's Gemelli Hospital, I have been committed to the field of hand surgery since my first year. My journey has been both challenging and rewarding, and also though trying to find my place as a young female surgeon in this field.

I joined Italian Hand Society and during the past years I tried to stay updated with all the events both in my country and abroad. After discovering the great number of opportunities offered by my society and FESSH I had the chance to take part to inspiring events such as the FESSH Academy in Budapest in January and the last FESSH congress in Rimini. On these occasions, I had the opportunity to meet the members of YESH. Engaging with young colleagues is particularly stimulating for me. Their fresh perspective and ideas, coupled with the common doubts we share as emerging professionals, foster an environment of mutual growth. As a resident, I am always full of doubts and questions, and I believe having a network of people who understand this need without judging is fundamental.

Taking on a more active role within YESH would push me even more to stay updated and grow. I think of myself as a very organized and analytical person, I like having everything under control and thus I think the role of Secretary would fit me the best. Before graduating in medical school I worked with the IT team of my university helping them create and renovate the website for the new students. Moreover, during COVID I worked in the prevention area to organize the need and the distribution of vaccines so I gained a little bit of experience in this sense.

In any case, I will continue following FESSH and YESH and their brilliant events which help us young surgeons to grow and take the best from every opportunity.

Thank you for considering my application.

Sincerely,

Silvia Pietramala