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Q What is your experience with EAACI?

My first involvement with EAACI started in 2001 as Secretary and Chair of the Immunology Section, where I helped establish the EAACI Immunology Winter Schools. I served as the EAACI Scientific Programme Committee Chair (2005–2007), developing the current structure of EAACI scientific programming, including introducing junior members to scientific programming and involving

EAACI Sections and Interest Groups. I was Vice President Congresses (2007–2011) and involved in many historical major tasks, including opening the EAACI headquarters in Zurich, and implementing the organisation of PAAM, FAAM, DHM, SAM, SERIN, ISMA and ISAF under official EAACI patronage. It was my great honour and pleasure to be the EAACI President (2011–2013), achieving the development of the EAACI Food Allergy Guidelines and EAACI Patient Organisation Committee, amongst others.

It is now a great honour to assume the Chief Editorship of *Allergy*, a task I will do as part of a team, with passion and vision, as a continuation of my years in the EAACI family.

Q What is your experience as an Editor?

My interest in editing started in 2003, when I was elected to the editorial boards of *Allergy* and the *Journal of Allergy and Clinical Immunology* (JACI). Around that time, I also started working for *Current Opinion in Immunology* and *Nature Immunology Reviews*, selecting monthly highlights. I became an Associate

Editor of JACI in 2007 and served as Co-editor-in-Chief from 2015 until November 2017. I also developed the three Global Atlases of Asthma, Allergy and Allergic Rhinitis and Chronic Rhinosinusitis with EAACI President Ioana Agache.

Q What is your vision for *Allergy*?

I want to make it a “world journal and the best platform for the communication of research and education of our specialty”. Modern communication and social media tools will be used efficiently to reach all regions of the world, embracing developing subdisciplines in a balanced way, and engaging and developing EAACI Junior Members, young scientists and new leaders to develop and improve the journal in all aspects. I believe in team work, transparency, loyalty, honesty, enthusiasm, collegiality and the engagement of all co-workers. I am confident that with our developing editorial team and the specialty's stakeholders, including the EAACI membership, we will continue to move our science and specialty forward through *Allergy*. ●