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To the EACR Council Nomination Committee

I hereby would like to submit my candidature for an 'Open Seat' nomination within the EACR Council, as a representative of Luxembourg. Currently Luxembourg only has a Cancer Society for Medical Specialists (SLO), represented within ESMO, however there is no national society that represents cancer researchers. Nevertheless, the Luxembourgish research era in biomedicine in general, and in oncology in particular, is steadily growing, thanks to a strong commitment by the Luxembourgish government to promote and invest into biomedical-oriented research activities. During the last 5-10 years major research institutions and infrastructures have been established or expanded in Luxembourg. Currently the *Centre de Recherche Public de la Santé* (CRP-Santé), with a staff of about 250 people, is the major institute fully dedicated to biomedical research (www.crp-sante.lu). With the establishment of the *University of Luxembourg* in 2003 (www.uni.lu), an important academic partner institution has been created. Finally the *Integrated Biobank of Luxembourg* (IBBL) (www.ibbl.lu) and the *Luxembourg Center for Systems Biomedicine* (LCSB) (www.uni.lu/lcsb) have opened their doors in 2010. An increasing number of researchers are focusing on cancer biology, encompassing basic, applied and translational cancer research. It can be expected that within the next years a national society focusing on cancer research will emerge. In the meantime and to be able to actively participate at the international level, I feel that it is of great importance that the Luxembourgish community is represented within the major European organisation for cancer research, the EACR.

Within the Oncology Department of CRP-Santé, I am currently head of the Norlux Neuro-Oncology Laboratory, a research group focusing on brain tumors. With a formal partnership with the University of Bergen in Norway, my laboratory is internationally oriented, is embedded in a strong national and international network of collaborators (www.norlux.lu) and attracts researchers from all over the world. I therefore feel that I am well suited to represent the Luxembourg cancer research community within EACR.

For more details on my background, please see my CV attached here. I will be happy to provide further information if required.

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