

## **Application for Treasurer of IBUS**

### **Letter of motivation**

In response to the announcement, it is my great pleasure to reapply for the position of the IBUS Treasurer. I am convinced that my long lasting experience with IBUS, my personal skills, and my network of colleagues would be helpful in achieving the goals of IBUS, as well as meeting the requirements of the GB and the position of Treasurer in the upcoming term.

I am a gastroenterologist with Ph.D. and currently working as professor of medicine, chair of the department of internal medicine, gastroenterology and pneumology and as chief medical officer of Lüneburg University Teaching Hospital, Germany.

Clinically and scientifically, I have profound interest in IBD for decades and have published more than 230 peer reviewed manuscripts and far more than 1000 abstracts in this field. My main interest and my scientific focus in the past fifteen years has been in the field of intestinal ultrasound. I was one of the founding members of IBUS and together with other members of the founding group, I was initiating the current educational programme of IUS which was further developed over the past few years. I was primary investigator of key studies on intestinal ultrasound of IBD such as several TRUST studies and the STARDUST IUS trial with the first use of central reading in IUS studies. In this context, I was part of developing standards for measurement and reporting of IUS findings that resulted in various publications during the last years. I have published many original papers and review articles on the use of IUS in IBD and I am coordinator and first author on the recently published multi society ECCO-ESGAR-ESP-IBUS diagnostic guideline.

As Treasurer between 2023-2026, I have guided the economic affairs of IBUS over the past years. Together with the excellent team of the IBUS office, I successfully managed the financial affairs of IBUS during a difficult transitional period. I have significantly contributed to ensuring that IBUS is currently in a stable financial situation and has developed clear financial prospects for the coming years. As a governing board member, I have been involved in the relevant strategic decisions of IBUS over the past few years. This includes various international partnerships as well as the further development and global implementation of a broad educational programme.

I would like to continue in the position of Treasurer and member of the Governing Board for a second term, as I am convinced that a certain continuity in this position is of great benefit to IBUS. Part of my vision is that IBUS will become increasingly independent from external sponsorship in the coming years by increasing revenues from other sources such as various educational activities and central reading. The challenges for IBUS's global orientation in the coming years are exceptionally great, and I am confident that I possess both extensive experience and vision to help ensure that IBUS remains on a successful course in the years ahead.

I would be very pleased if I had the opportunity to serve as Treasurer for IBUS again in the next term and I would be very grateful if I could count on your vote.

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