

Role and responsibilities description: Director of Scientific Relations with the EU

Tasks and responsibilities:

Please note this is a voluntary role

1. To increase awareness and visibility among EU policy and decision makers of ERS expertise and positions and, to communicate the needs of the respiratory research and science community to EU policy and decision makers and other stakeholders.

Examples of topics dealt with in the past include:

- o EU research & innovation funding programmes;
- o Personalised/Precision Medicine priorities for respiratory medicine
- o Chronic disease agenda
- o Prevention and public health issues

To fulfil this task, the Director of Scientific Relations with the EU, should liaise and exchange information with the ERS Science Council on specific science-policy areas.

2. To promote the involvement of the ERS and its members in European and international research programmes in respiratory science and medicine, not only as applicant, but also as reviewers/evaluators, and in various committees. In this context, the Director of Scientific Relations with the EU, together with the Science Council Chair and Clinical Research Collaboration Director should evaluate incoming requests for ERS and/or European Lung Foundation (ELF) involvement/participation as a partner in research projects for recommendation to the ERS Management Group.

3. Lungs Europe is a Brussels-based collaboration between ELF and ERS. Established in November 2019, Lungs Europe allows ELF and ERS to work in partnership and with other important organisations in the respiratory field, to drive policy and the regulatory environment in support of lung health at the European level and participate in the EU projects related to respiratory health and disease. The Director of Scientific Relations with the EU, together with the Science Council Chair and Advocacy Council Chair will oversee the

work of Lungs Europe, evaluate incoming requests for Lung Europe involvement/participation as a partner in research projects for recommendation to the ERS Management Group.

4. Given the nature of this role, the Director will be required to attend to external meetings, generally in Brussels, such as EU conferences, meetings of various alliances, workshops and other events – upon recommendation of the Advocacy Department.

Personal Requirements and qualifications

- You are an ERS member
- A proven track record of respiratory research published in peer review journals
- Practical/ field experience in cross-border (trans-national) multi-centre clinical research at European level
- Understanding of the translational respiratory needs i.e. bridging the gap between basic and clinical research
- Understanding and interest in advocacy and its value to the Society
- Interest in developing the ERS science-advocacy interface with the aim to achieve better recognition and awareness from external audiences e.g. funders, European Union decision makers etc.
- Interest in representing ERS towards non-respiratory / non-medical audiences
- Available to attend meetings in Europe (approx. 4 meetings/year)
- Able to devote requisite time to duties
- Excellent communication skills
- Fluent in English

Applications, consisting of a short CV and motivation letter should be sent to marta.montanari@ersnet.org by 1st April 2023.