

NOMINATION FOR ELECTION 2021

EONS Executive Board

Presentation of candidates for the position of Board member Young Cancer Nurse



Name: Nikolina Dodlek

Location: Osijek, Croatia

Position: Lead nurse of subdepartment at University Hospital Centre Osijek Croatia, Department for Oncology (inpatient Unit), Osijek, Croatia. EONS Young Cancer Nurse Co-chair

Qualification: MSc

I would like to become EONS Board member because:

- I want to represent young cancer nurses needs for access to education, funding, and resources.
- I want to engage YCN's in education and provide them with mentorship, help and support.
- I want to share my experiences and ideas as a YCN with the EONS and National Societies to help build capacity for developing the YCN Network in other countries, especially the ones under-resourced and under-represented.
- I am highly motivated to develop strategies to support and mobilise YCN in collaborations with EONS Working groups, EONS Board and National Societies to identify, address and resolve issues which affect YCN.
- I want to be a link person between YCN and the Board to provide opportunities for YCN that were provided to me from EONS and other organisations who work closely with EONS, such as education, workshops, webinars, congress, research, mentorship, collaboration with other stakeholders.
- I am already and I will continue to expand the YCN network and connect YCN's through whole Europe.

- I am emphasizing the importance of YCN roles because they are the future leaders in cancer nursing. They need to grow, learn, and develop professionally and personally, to build capacities for becoming leaders one day.
- I am promoting and will continue to promote the work of EONS' and its activities to young cancer nurses throughout Europe and further.

My aims during my term on the Executive Board of EONS would be:

- I will provide opportunities for YCN's in collaboration with working groups, EONS Board, EONS members and other stakeholders in organising educational events such as webinars (Nightingale Challenge), Mini-conferences, Masterclasses, Research Workshops.
- I will support the development and funding of future initiatives which can address the educational needs of YCN's.
- I am and will continue to encourage YCN to participate in EONS activities, tasks and opportunities that are organised for them through EONS, EONS partners or other National Societies.
- My aim is to encourage YCN to develop YCN networks in their own countries, providing them example, help, motivation, support and advisory, personally and from EONS.
- I will collaborate with National Societies to improve and contribute to the development of cancer nursing and improved patient care.
- I will expand the YCN Network in collaboration with National Societies and EONS members.
- I will specially stand up for young nurses, providing them opportunities to develop educational, research, leadership, and organisation skills, academically and in clinical settings.
- I will mentor young cancer nurses to help them grow personally at national and European levels, shaping them to be future leaders in cancer nursing.

The skills and experience that I would be able to bring to the role are:

- I am oncology nurse for more than 10 years now, love my work as a bedside nurse. I have 8 years of experience in lead positions, skilled in organisation, nursing management, shift management, clinical trials, education, and mentorship of other nurses.
- I have six years of experience of monitoring nursing students in clinical settings and academically.
- I am passionate and experienced in nursing research and evidence-based care.
- I am a mentor and advocator for young cancer nurses in my own country and was a founding member of the Croatian YCN Network.
- I have specially dedicated my role to young cancer nurse's education. From last year I am advocating, developing, and organising educational programmes for young cancer nurses in my own country and further (nurses from all over Europe participate) including webinars, courses, workshops, as a first YCN in Croatia, and then in collaboration with my colleagues, my National Society, Nursing Council, young oncologists, and other professionals (such as physiotherapists, psychologists, nutritionists).

- I am conducting research in collaboration with my colleagues to identify YCN's educational, clinical, personal, career and development needs.
- I am skilled in providing leadership, support, motivation and help to young cancer nurses in clinical and academic settings.
- I will transfer my learning from the development of the YCN Network in Croatia to support development of the YCN Network across the Europe.
- I am very passionate about providing all the opportunities (educational, clinical, personal) to others that have been provided to me as a young cancer nurse. I will provide support to YCN's in networking like I have built valuable and extensive network connections through EONS with cancer nurses, not only in Europe but beyond.
- I want to mentor young leaders, identify talented YCN trough Europe, because the idea of building a wider forum for YCN beyond the YCN Network, personally and professionally, can facilitate dissemination of opportunities, and support exchange of learning, experience, and knowledge throughout the networks of Europe, leveraging IT resources, etc.



Name: Tugba Pehlivan

Location: Istanbul, Turkey

Position: Educator Nurse at Koç University Hospital, Istanbul, Turkey

Qualification: PhD

I would like to become EONS Board member because:

I would like to make new connections, and to expand my existing community of friends and colleagues. I had first met EONS attending 1st EONS Research Workshop for Doctoral student at Stirling University, Scotland. I am regularly participating at EONS congresses and I developed an excellent network from all over Europe. I also follow EONS facilities, online webinars, or courses. If I become a board member, I will be able to add influential people with different backgrounds and insights. I can transform different experiences to our practice in our country to empower our oncology nurses. I can make my better at my current job.

A board role can be highly beneficial for my career. If I become a board member, I have a big chance for professional development and personal growth.

Being a board member enables serving my skills at the different and international platform. I can create so many collaborations, I can be a part of a big project as a researcher or of a training course as an educator.

My aims during my term on the Executive Board of EONS would be:

Firstly, I want to take an active role as a board member. I want to do my best to improve of our cancer nursing profession. I want to expand my networking and I desire to learn different experiences, practices from other countries and use my new knowledge in my practice for Turkish cancer nurses. I want to be a part of various organisation committees like project, seminar, webinar, workshop, and I desire to use my skills. I want to contribute cancer nurses become a well-informed, competent cancer nurse. For this, I am ready to use my all clinical and academic skills as an educator and a cancer nurse.

I want to do my best making a significant contribution recognizing of cancer nursing by the national and international area.

The skills and experience that I would be able to bring to the role are:

I am currently working at clinical area, and I can bring our country's cancer nursing practices. I had five years experiences at direct oncology patients' care, and five years experiences as an educator nurse (and I currently continue). I am responsible for educating our cancer nurses. I can also share my clinical experiences.

I have a PhD at nursing. I believe that I will contribute to improvement of cancer nursing and EONS with my academic skills. I can take an active role at the projects as a researcher with my research skills. Also, I can attend as an organizer, educator at workshop, masterclass, or webinar. I am working on cancer patients' psychosocial problems and how cancer nurses evaluate their psychosocial status and how they support their patients. I studied cancer nurses' skills to evaluate their patients' psychosocial needs at my master thesis. Also, I am working to empower cancer nurses. I developed a program called 'Compassion Fatigue Resiliency Program' within the scope of my PhD thesis working with cancer nurses, and I currently use my program to improve cancer nurses' resilience, coping skills and professional quality of life. So, I believe that I will contribute to EONS facilities with my specific area.