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Dear Members of the Nomination Committee,

Dear Board Members,

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to apply for a position as a Board Member at the EAHP. I have broad experience from both the hospital pharmacy association in my country, serving five years as the President of the association, and the general pharmacist association in Norway which have given me valuable experience both professionally and personally. I believe that working together on an international level gives a much stronger force than each national association can achieve alone. That's why I really appreciate the work done by EAHP and I want to contribute to the development of the association as well as the profession. At the same time, I recognise the necessity to have input from all areas of hospital pharmacy, including professional, geographical, and organisational input, and think it's of utmost importance to listen to all member associations of the EAHP.

Covid-19 showed us the importance of health for the functionality of our society and that the contribution of hospital pharmacists were fundamental in tackling the pandemic. Our profession has never been more important than today, and we must be ready to manifest our position in the healthcare landscape.

War, uncertain economic times, and climate change are putting pressure on the world as we know it in Europe. I am ready to join this exciting ride together with the EAHP and to give my contributions to keeping the patients in focus in shifting and uncertain times.

Sincerely,

Håvard Kirkevold