

## Application for board member role (Please complete all sections)

Full name:	Marina Charalambous
Name of member stroke support organisation:	Cyprus Stroke Association
Position held in member stroke support organisation:	President
Country of member stroke support organisation:	Cyprus

What contribution do you hope to make to SAFE and the stroke patient community as a member of the board?

- Advocacy on the rights of people with stroke in equal access to rehabilitation throughout Europe.
- Support the rights of European citizens in equal access to high quality stroke care.
- Demand the democratic representation of people with stroke in policy making boards.
- Work on the Implementation of SAP-E in all European Countries.

Please select any of the following where you have a specific expertise that would be useful to the board.

Accounting	
Communications	√
Education and Training	√
Fundraising	
Governance	√
Human Resources	
Public Affairs	
Research	√
Strategy	√

Other	
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What personal expertise and professional strengths will you bring to SAFE and the stroke community? Mention any relevant experience.

- I am a rehabilitation specialist on the communication impairments after stroke (aphasia) and I have vast experience in stroke rehabilitation. I could work on policies, recommendations, and rehabilitation guidelines development for the acute, subacute and chronic phase stroke. I have gained experience in formulating rehabilitation guidelines via my position as a Future Stroke Leader at the World Stroke Organization.
- I am also a stroke researcher interested in actively involving people with stroke and aphasia and their careers in research teams as partners. This would result more realistic and beneficial research outcomes for people living with stroke.

How would your election to the SAFE board benefit your organisation?

A board position would help the Cyprus Stroke Association promote and implement the Stroke Action Plan for Europe, liaise with other SSO's on developing mutual stroke awareness events, would also raise the prestige of my organization in Cyprus and keep us in touch with current European stroke related activities.

I confirm that the information contained in this application is correct, and that neither me, or my organisation, have been subject to any financial/legal or other such investigations in the past 12 months.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



Date: 26 May 2022

Once completed, please return this form, along with a recent curriculum vitae to the SAFE Secretariat @ [info@safestroke.eu](mailto:info@safestroke.eu)

A letter from the board of your organisation supporting your nomination should be submitted separately to the Secretariat.



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### EDUCATION

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Sept 2020- Present	<i>PhD in Medical Sciences</i> Faculty of Medicine and Sciences University of Fribourg, Switzerland A.G. Leventis Foundation Full Doctoral Scholarship Thesis: Assessment of Communication Quality in People with Aphasia after Stroke
Feb 2009- July 2010	<i>MSc. in Speech and Language Therapy</i> Full Funded NHS Bursary, City University London, UK Thesis: The Diachokinetic Jitter in Multiple Sclerosis
Sept 2005- July 2007	<i>Postgraduate Diploma (PGDip) in Speech and Language Therapy</i> NHS Full Funded Scholarship, City University London
Sept 1999- June 2003	<i>BSc. (Hons) in Logopedics (First Class with Honors)</i> Queen Margaret University Edinburgh, Scotland Thesis: The Rate of Speech in the Dysarthria of Multiple Sclerosis

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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July 2019- Present	Cyprus University of Technology <i>Position: Expert Scientist Adult Neuro</i> Special Teaching Staff at the Rehabilitation Sciences Department Coordinator of the Adult Clinic at the CUT Rehabilitation Clinic.
Sept 2012- June 2019	Melathro Agoniston EOKA, Rehabilitation Centre, Limassol, Cyprus <i>Position: Head Speech and Language Therapist</i> Rehabilitation Specialist. Assessment and intervention of speech, language and swallowing disorders in adults with acquired disorders in an in- and out-patient setting. Clinical Supervision of SLT students, writing medical notes and reports, liaison with MDT members.
Feb 2011- Aug 2012	Private Practice/ Freelancer, Limassol, Cyprus <i>Position: Speech and Language Therapist</i> Formal and informal speech and language assessments of adults with speech and language impairments. Case load orientation in adults with Stroke.
Sept 2007- Jan 2011	Mind Arts Personal Development Centre, Limassol, Cyprus <i>Position: Speech and Language Therapist</i> Formal and informal speech and language assessments and management of children and adults with communication impairments.
Jan 2004 – Sept 2005	Melathro Agoniston EOKA, Rehabilitation Centre, Limassol, Cyprus <i>Position: Speech and Language Therapist</i> Assessment and intervention of acquired communication impairments in adults in an in- and out-patient setting. Writing medical notes and reports, liaison with MDT members.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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Autumn 2018- Present	SLT 210: Diagnostic Tools in Speech and Language Therapy +LAB Department of Rehabilitation Sciences, Cyprus University of Technology.
Spring 2020- Present	SLT_160: Principles in Clinical Practice Department of Rehabilitation Sciences, Cyprus University of Technology.
Spring 2020- Present	SLT_280: Introduction to Clinical Practice Department of Rehabilitation Sciences, Cyprus University of Technology.
Autumn 2020- Present	SLT 452: 'Evidence-Based Practice in Speech-Language Therapy (SLT)' Department of Rehabilitation Sciences, Cyprus University of Technology.

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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Sept 2021- Present	<i>Establishing organized stroke care in LMI countries: from training of non-specialist to implementation: Rehabilitation Modules in Communication and Dysphagia.</i> World Stroke Organization, Future Stroke Leaders Program, Cohort1, Fully funded
August 2021- Present	<i>Morphosyntactic production in stroke-induced agrammatic aphasia: a cross-linguistic machine learning approach (Machine Learning Aphasia).</i> University of Oslo, Norway
August 2021- Present	<i>Feasibility and challenges of acute stroke care implementation in two Africa studies: a pilot study. Rehabilitation Modules in Communication and Dysphagia.</i> World Stroke Organization, Future Stroke Leaders Program, Cohort1, Fully funded
May 2021- Present	<i>Improving life after stroke for young people: analysis of unmet needs and development of resources across countries.</i> World Stroke Organization, Future Stroke Leaders Program, Cohort1, Fully funded
March 2021- Present	<i>The international aphasia accessible video project: What makes a video aphasia-accessible? An international project.</i> Collaboration of Aphasia Trialists members- CATS-ARC combined research project.
March 2020- Present	<i>Treatment of Awareness Deficits in Acquired Brain Injuries to improve Patient Outcomes" (ACESO)</i> Center of Applied Neuroscience, University of Cyprus, Funded by the Research and Innovation Foundation of Cyprus
Nov 2019- Present	<i>Mobile Digital Training for Direct Care Workers dealing with Stroke Survivors (iTRAIN)</i> Rehabilitation Sciences Department, Cyprus University of Technology funded by Erasmus +.
April 2019- Present	<i>Assessment of Post-Stroke Aphasia for Rehabilitation Research (ASPIRE)</i> Department of Rehabilitation Sciences, Cyprus University of Technology, Funded by the Research and Innovation Foundation of Cyprus

**SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATIONS**

**Charalambous, M., Phylactou, P., Elriz, T., Psychogios, L., Annoni, J.M, & Kambanaros, M.** (2022). Adaptation of the Scenario Test for Greek-speaking people with aphasia: A reliability and validity study. *International Journal of Language and Communication Disorders*, 00, 1-15, DOI:10.1111/1460-6984.12727

Yperzeele, L., Shoamanesh A., Venugopalan, Y. V., Chapman, S., Mazya, M. V., **Charalambous, M.**, Caso, V., Hacke, W., Bath, P. M., & Koltsov, I. (2022). Key design elements of successful acute ischemic stroke treatment trials; is big beautiful or is small better? *Submitted: European Journal of Stroke*

**Charalambous, M., Kountouri, A., Phylactou, P., Triantafyllidou, I, Annoni, J.M, & Kambanaros, M.** (2022). The views of people living with chronic stroke and aphasia on their potential involvement as research partners: a thematic analysis. *Under Review in Research Involvement and Engagement*

**Charalambous, M. & Kambanaros, M.** (2021). The role of Aphasia Communication Groups, Full Chapter in *Aphasia Competium*, ISBN 978-1-80355-070. DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.5772/intechopen.101059>

**Charalambous, M., Kambanaros, M., & Annoni, J.M.** (2020). Are People with Aphasia (PWA) Involved in the Creation of Quality of Life and Aphasia Impact-Related Questionnaires? A Scoping Review. *Brain Sci.*10(10):E688. doi: 10.3390/brainsci10100688. PMID: 33003493.

**CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

**Charalambous, M., Kountouris, A., Phylactou, Annoni, J.M, & Kambanaros, M.** (2022). Patient and Public Involvement in Stroke and Aphasia Research. Poster Presentation. *The 8<sup>th</sup> European Stroke Organization Conference- ESOC22, 4-6 May, Lyon, France.*

Pampoulou, E., Eden, V., Kambanaros, M., **Charalambous, M.** et al (2022). Providing vocational training opportunities to caregivers of people who have survived a stroke. Oral Presentation. *The 11th European Speech and Language Therapy (ESLA) Congress. 26-28 May, Vienna, Austria.*

**Charalambous, M., Phylactou, P., Elriz, T., Psychogios, L., Annoni, J.M, & Kambanaros, M.** (2022). Adaptation of the Scenario Test for Greek-speaking people with aphasia: A reliability and validity study. Poster Presentation. *ICACN 2022: XVI International Conference on Aphasia and Cognitive Neurolinguistics, February 15-16, 2022, London, United Kingdom.*

Pampoulou, E., Eden, V., Kambanaros, M., **Charalambous, M.** et al (2021). What are the needs of direct care workers who support stroke survivors? Preliminary evidence across EU states. EFNR Oral Presentation. *European Congress of NeuroRehabilitation jointly with 27th Annual Meeting of the German Society of NeuroRehabilitation. 8-11 December 2021(Virtual).*

Gopaul., U., **Charalambous, M.**, Demers, M. (2021). Improving life after stroke for young people: a needs analysis and development of co-designed stroke- specific model of care across countries with varied socioeconomic levels. Live Poster Presentation. *13<sup>th</sup> World Stroke Congress, 28<sup>th</sup> -29<sup>th</sup> October 2021, Virtual. International Journal of Stroke 2021, Vol. 16(2S) 3–170. doi.org/10.1177/17474930211041949*

**Charalambous, M., Kambanaros, M., & Annoni, J.M.** (2021). The Minimum Involvement of People with Aphasia in the Creation of Quality-of-Life Questionnaires. Live Poster Presentation. *13<sup>th</sup> World Stroke Congress, 28<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> October 2021, Virtual. International Journal of Stroke 2021, Vol. 16(2S) 3–170. doi.org/10.1177/17474930211041949*

Phylactou, P. & Charalambous, M. (2021). The Stroke Riskometer™ App: The Greek Version. Live Poster Presentation. 13<sup>th</sup> World Stroke Congress, 28<sup>th</sup> -29<sup>th</sup> October 2021, Virtual. *International Journal of Stroke* 2021, Vol. 16(2S) 3–170. [doi.org/10.1177/17474930211041949](https://doi.org/10.1177/17474930211041949)

Binos, P., Charalambous, M. & Minaidou, D. (2021). Clinical Education in Speech-Language Therapy: The experience of Cyprus University of Technology. 14<sup>th</sup> Panhellenic Speech Therapy eConference, May 28<sup>th</sup>, Greek Association of Speech Therapists, 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021, Virtual.

Charalambous, M. & Kambanaros, M. (2021). Community Based Rehabilitation: The Role of Aphasia Communication Groups for Chronic Stroke Survivors, The Aphasia Communication Team (TACT). *European Life After Stroke eForum*, 13<sup>th</sup> March, Stroke Alliance for Europe.

Charalambous, M. & Kambanaros, M. (2020). Aphasia Communication Groups in Cyprus: The Aphasia Communication Team (TACT). Joined e-Conference of the European Stroke Organization (ESO) and the World Stroke Organization (WSO), *International Journal of Stroke*, 15 (1\_ SUPPL), 724-724.

Zenonos, E., Charalambous, M. & Kambanaros, M. (2020). Description of the language profile of two cases with Primary Progressive Aphasia. 31<sup>st</sup> Panhellenic e-Conference of Neurology, Conference Proceedings: DOI: [10.13140/RG.2.2.36125.54244](https://doi.org/10.13140/RG.2.2.36125.54244)

Binos, P., Charalambous, M. & Minaidou, D. (2020). *Auditory- Verbal Therapy: A Systematic Review for the Effectiveness of Intervention in Children with Hearing Loss*. Accepted as oral presentation at 9<sup>th</sup> Edition of the international Conference New Perspectives in Science Education, 19-20 March, Florence, Italy.

Charalambous, M. and Kambanaros, M. (2019). *The Aphasia Communication Team (TACT): The Cypriot Experience*. Poster Presentation. 9<sup>th</sup> European Congress of Neurorehabilitation, Budapest, Hungary, 9-12 October 2019.

Kyriacou, E., Mavrocheilos, R., Nikolaou, C., Charalambous, M., Hadjichristofi, G., Matziari, E., & Ioannou, M. (2016). *Speech and language support system for children with hearing impairment*. IFMBE Proceedings, 57, 1298–1302. [https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-32703-7\\_249](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-32703-7_249)

Kyriacou, E., Charalambous, M., Theodorou, C., Iliophotou, C., Ioannou, M, and Hadjichristofi, G. (2013). "Meleti" Speech and Language Development Support System. Full paper at the 13th IEEE International Conference on Bioinformatics and Bioengineering (IEEE BIBE 2013) held in Chania, Greece, November 10–13, 2013.

Konstantopoulos, K., Charalambous, M. and Verhoeven, J. (2011). *Sequential motion rates in the dysarthria of multiple sclerosis: A temporal analysis*. Oral Presentation at the 17th International Congress of Phonetic Sciences (ICPhS XVII) held in Hong Kong, China, August 17-21, 2011.

Charalambous, M., Verhoeven, J., Seikel, J. and Konstantopoulos, K. (2011). *Acoustic analysis of sequential motion rates in the dysarthria of multiple sclerosis*. Poster Presentation at the 21<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the European Neurological Society held in Lisbon- Portugal, 28 – 31 May 2011. *Journal of Neurology*, 258(S1),S156. doi:10.1007/s00415-011- 6026-9

## INVITED PRESENTATIONS

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March 2022	<i>Cyprus Stroke Association and its Actions</i> Invited Speaker at the 5 <sup>th</sup> Panhellenic Stroke Conference Hellenic Stroke Organization, Athens, Greece
Sept 2022	<i>Aphasia Communication Groups at a University Setting</i> Guest Lecturer at the BSc in Speech and Language Therapy European University Cyprus, Nicosia, Cyprus



Sept 2021 Cases  Limassol	<i>ICF (WHO, 2001) Functional Assessment Framework Implementation in Clinical Cases</i>  Guest Lecturer CSD 508 Seminars in Clinical Case Studies MSc in Developmental Communication Disorders Rehabilitation Sciences Department, Cyprus University of Technology,
Dec 2019	<i>Raising Stroke Awareness Campaign: Cyprus Stroke Association</i> Invited Speaker at the “Stroke and the Aspire Project for Aphasia’ EXCELLENCE/1216/0517” at the Limassol General Hospital, Limassol, Cyprus
Nov 2019	<i>Functional intervention in Adults with Acquired Neurological Impairments</i> Invited Speaker at the Scientific Conference “National Policies for People with Disabilities” Cyprus University of Technology, Limassol, Cyprus
Nov 2019	<i>The importance of peer-to-peer support</i> Presentation at the Annual Working Conference of the Stroke Alliance for Europe (SAFE) Porto, Portugal.
Nov 2019	<i>Mobilizing Young People in Stroke Care</i> Workshop session in collaboration with the World Stroke Organization (WSO) Annual Working Conference of the Stroke Alliance for Europe (SAFE) Porto, Portugal.
Feb 2019	<i>Cyprus Stroke Association and the Stroke Alliance for Europe</i> Guest Lecturer at Seminars in Advanced Clinical Practice Module of the MSc in Cognitive Neurorehabilitation, Rehabilitation Sciences Department of Cyprus University of Technology.
Nov 2018	<i>The Aphasia Communication Team (TACT)</i> Presentation at the Annual Conference of the Stroke Alliance for Europe (SAFE) in Berlin, Germany.
July 2016	<i>Dysphagia in Neurological Patients</i> Presentation about dysphagia in adults with neurological impairments to the nursing and medical staff of Melathron Agoniston Rehabilitation Center.
July 2014	<i>Eating and Swallowing disorders in the Elderly</i> Presentation to the assistants and careers of the nursing home of Melathron Agoniston Rehabilitation Center, about the eating, drinking and swallowing disorders in the elderly with Dementia and other degenerative diseases.

#### ARTICLES REVIEWED

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Feb 2022	TLCD-2021-0284: ‘What is the Usage of the Brisbane Evidence Based Language Test in Clinical Practice: A Speech Language Therapy Survey’. International Journal of Language and Communication Disorders, RCSLT
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#### GUIDELINES REVIEWED

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Sept 2021- Mar 2022	<i>Dysphagia following Stroke</i> Assessment and Management Checklist In collaboration with Professor Rosemary Martino, University of Toronto WSO Stroke Checklist Project- World Stroke Organization
Sept 2021- Mar 2022	<i>Language and Communication Disorders following Stroke</i> Assessment and Management Checklist

## CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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Nov 2021- Dec 2021	<i>Patient Involvement Training</i> Imperial College London
Sept 2020- Present	<i>Future Stroke Leaders Program</i> World Stroke Organization A two-year program of 30 internationally well-known stroke experts implementing cutting edge stroke research
Sept 2019	<i>Talking Mats</i> Alternative and Augmentative Communication system Professional Training and Certification workshop ( <i>CPD Course</i> ), Department of Rehabilitation Sciences, Cyprus University of Technology.
March 2018	<i>Langmore Foundation FEES Course</i> Professional Training and Certification on Fiberoptic Endoscopic Esophageal Swallowing Assessment <i>Dysphagia Professional Training (CPD Course)</i> Boston University School of Medicine/ Boston, USA
June 2016	<i>The Role of NMES and sEMG in Dysphagia Management across the Lifespan</i> Training and Certification Workshop <i>Dysphagia Professional Training (CPD Course)</i> Athens, Greece
April- June 2013	<i>Extending Knowledge and Skills in Working with Adults with Acquired Dysphagia: A Post- Registration Course for Speech and Language Therapists</i> Training and Certification Workshop <i>Dysphagia Professional Training (CPD Course)</i> University College London (UCL), London, UK
February 2007	<i>Groups Work</i> Connect Training Courses, London, UK
January 2006	<i>Picture Exchange Communication System (PECS)</i> Training and Certification Workshop Pyramid Training Courses, London, UK
March 2004	<i>Lee Silverman Voice Treatment (LSVT)</i> Training and Certification Workshop City University, London, UK

## AWARDS

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Nov 2018	Achievement Award from Stroke Alliance for Europe for raising Stroke Awareness and Supporting Stroke Survivors in Cyprus
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## GRANTS

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Sept 2020	World Stroke Organization, Future Stroke Leaders Program, Cohort1, 3 Fully funded research programs
Sept 2020	A.G. Leventis Foundation Full Doctoral Scholarship (PhD in Medical Sciences)
Sept 2007	NHS Full Bursary for MSc Fees at City University London
Sept 2005	NHS Full Bursary for PgDip Fees at City University London

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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Feb 2019- Present	Board member of the Association Internationale Aphasie (AIA)
Nov 2018- Present	Board Member of Stroke Alliance for Europe- Secretary
Jun 2019- Present	Board Member of Cyprus Stroke Association - President

Jun 2010- Jun 2013

Board Member Council of Cyprus Association of Registered Speech and Language Pathologists – Secretary Assistant

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

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Dec 2019- Present	Member of the British Aphasiology Society (BAS) (Reg No: BA12064)
Feb 2019- Present	Member of the Association Internationale Aphasie (AIA)
Jan 2018- Present	Member of the World Stroke Organization
Jan 2015- Present	Member of the Stroke Alliance for Europe
July 2008-Present	Member of the Cyprus Association of Registered Speech and Language Pathologists (Reg. No: 289)
Nov 2007- Present	Member of the Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists (Reg. No: 10498, Membership N: RC00023085)

**LANGUAGES/ COMPUTER SKILLS**

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Greek: Native Speaker  
English Language: O' Level GCE.  
Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Internet Level: Proficient.

**PERSONAL INTERESTS**

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Sept 2016- Jun 2017	BTEC Foundation in Art and Design ( <i>Level Four- Advanced</i> )
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