

SAFE President Application Form

Full name: Hariklia Proios

Name of member stroke support organisation: Hellenic Alliance for Stroke

Position held in member stroke support organisation: Board Member- Vice President

Country of member stroke support organisation: Greece

Please explain, in a maximum of 250 words, why you are interested in the position of President of SAFE giving brief details about your background, reasons for standing, what skills and knowledge you can bring and your suitability for this role. In doing so, please make reference to the person specification and role description

Being President of SAFE for 3 years and working as a healthcare specialist, academic and researcher- I gave this a lot of thought, went over what it would entail and decided to again apply for the President position. Having a background in organising Support groups for more than 25 years globally, and having worked on stroke-related rehab in both academic, research and clinical setups in the US and Europe, I believe I have the professional expertise and personal experience to continue to contribute to SAFE's mission and to help lead our joint efforts.

I've always been hopeful in improving the quality of lives of stroke survivors and their families. While working with the subcommittee on our new SAFE 2023-2027 Strategy framework "united against stroke" I truly believe in SAFE's mission and its objectives. I am proud of watching SAFE grow in educating others, advocacy and support on so many levels including local, regional, national and European-even the recent global interest for SAFE at our European Life After Stroke Forum is welcomed. We have learned and grown and overcome challenges all the time together. It is humbling to see the empowerment of ssos, the SAFE -ESO Manifesto and the development and operationalization of the SAP-E Stroke Action Plan 2018-2030.

My proudest moment was when we pressed ahead- regardless of a global epidemic and many obstacles. After on-line ELASF workshops, board meetings and General assembly meetings we finally came together in person stronger than ever-raising the profile of SAFE including life after stroke as an important

chapter in the lives of stroke survivors . I believe Board Members work well with our excellent Director General Arlene Wilke and her team including Sandra Jackon, Anna Scott who have made SAFE stronger than ever. Arlene has sustained relationships with Industry and our bank balance is positive as well as championed the Stroke Action Plan 2018-2030 which will guide policy making at a global level.

If elected, in the next few months I plan to continue to work closely with our Director General and team and with all of you to strengthen SAFE's position as the leading organisation for stroke advocacy- continuing the legacy of inclusivity, transparency and close collaboration. Because only through like-minded partners who understand and support each other through dialogue can we find common solutions to helping stroke survivors win this ongoing battle. I believe it is truly inspiring and humbling privilege re-apply for this position.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

I confirm that the information contained in this application is correct.

Signature: Hariklia Proios

Date: 21/5/24

Once completed please return this form to the SAFE Secretariat at info@safestroke.eu

Completed application forms must be received by 6 October 2020

Documents you need to submit together with your application	
<input type="checkbox"/>	A letter from your stroke support organisation supporting your nomination
<input type="checkbox"/>	A recent curriculum vitae.



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Athens, 21 May 2024

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