

## Governing Board External Candidate Statement

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Please submit this External Candidate Statement in Word format by the stated deadline.

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Today's date:	<b>1st June, 2017</b>

You may expand the boxes in providing your answers to the questions below:

1. What are your reasons for wanting to become an external member of the Governing Board?

I feel that my ample experience as a civil society EU advocate and as a European policy-maker in my role as MEP would be very relevant for the Governing Board. Years of work on a European level on key issues related to medical innovation, scientific research and consumer rights could be a valuable resource for the Cochrane Community. My experience and institutional knowledge of European and international policy agendas in the areas of biomedical research, transparency, intellectual property rights, access to medicines and consumer rights could be specially useful and challenging for evidence-based policies and activities. .

I have followed the work of the Cochrane Collaboration for many years and I have admired what it intends to achieve and would like to contribute to independent scientific practices and policies in favor of the common good.

2. What relevant experience do you bring and do you have experience or expertise in one or more of the published list of essential areas of expertise for members of the Governing Board?

Evidence informed health-care and policy: I have worked as an access to medicines and access to knowledge advocate for the Trans-Atlantic Consumer Dialogue (2010-2015) and the Commons Network (since 2015 till present) in Brussels and in Geneva before UN agencies. I have worked very closely with key policy-makers, health-care professionals, civil society representatives and academic experts. I have organized and spoken at many conferences and seminars in the European Parliament and in many EU countries for policy makers, experts and civil society concerning international trade agreements, intellectual property laws, clinical trial transparency, scientific open access, open data, text and data mining, access to medicines, alternative biomedical innovation models, transparency, drug pricing and the independence of health-care professionals. I have worked closely with organizations such as Medecins Sans Frontieres, Prescrire, Universities Allied for Essential Medicines, the European Public Health Alliance, Health Action International, Doctors of the World, No Gracias, Salud Por Derecho, All Trials, Knowledge Ecology International and Drugs for Neglected Diseases Initiative (DNDI), among many others. I have worked with official government agencies and Health Technology Assessment agencies in Belgium and the Netherlands, EU Ombudsman office, the European Commission and many members of the European Parliament.

I was previously a member of the European Parliament from 2004 to 2009), elected from Spain, where I have lived since 1978 and where I have been a citizen since 1988.

I have successfully worked, campaigned and written on the EU ´s new Clinical Trial Regulation, on the EU ´s Horizon 2020 framework for research and innovation, including its generally successful open access and open data laws, on critiques of the EMA ´s “adaptive pathways” proposals, on commercial confidentiality rules, on the EU response to the UN Secretary General ´s High Level Panel recommendation on access to medicines, on the Belgian-Dutch Drug Pricing Scenarios initiative, on open science initiatives and rules affecting medicines in EU trade agreements with the US and other countries.

Editorial policy and publishing: I have published many articles, blogs and policy papers related to access to medicines, alternative innovation models, transparency, intellectual property rights and EU biomedical debates. Many of them can be found on <http://tacd-ip.org/>, on [davidhammerstein.com](http://davidhammerstein.com), [davidhammerstein.org](http://davidhammerstein.org) and [commonsnetwork.eu](http://commonsnetwork.eu).

In 2012, along with Sophie Bloemen, I co-authored a policy paper “Time for the EU to lead on innovation. EU policy opportunities and the promotion of public knowledge goods”, which has been translated into Spanish. At present I am about to publish a new EU policy paper on “A commons perspective of access to medicines and biomedical innovation in the EU.”

For many years I have maintained a very active social media profile on these issues as well of having participated in the filming of a number of documentary films.

Consumer engagement: As a MEP, as a Trans-Atlantic consumer advocate before the EU and the UN for TACD and as co-founder of the Commons Network, I have worked on multiple fronts for consumer and citizen interests on access to knowledge, copyright, health, environment, food, internet and energy. I have also represented the European Blind Union and the World.

3. Is there anything else you would like to say in support of your nomination?

I feel I could help build greater bridges and effective communication between Cochrane, policy-making and civil society, specially within Europe and international institutions.

**Declaration of Interest statement:**

Candidates must make a declaration of conflict of interest, including financial or nonfinancial relationships with other organizations, professional relationships to other members of the Board, and other boards she/he may sit on. In writing this statement, candidates should refer to Cochrane’s conflict of interest policy and the declarations of existing members of the Board.

**Please answer the following questions:**

1. <b>Financial interests</b> <b>In the last 10 years, have you:</b>	<b>Yes/No (If yes, please provide details)</b>
a) Received research funding: any grant, contract or gift, commissioned research, or fellowship from Cochrane or a related organization (i.e. any organization related to health care or medical research) to conduct research?	No.
b) Had paid consultancies: any paid work, consulting fees (in cash or kind) from a related organization?	No.
c) Received honoraria: one-time payments (in cash or kind) from a related organization?	No.
d) Served as a director, officer, partner, trustee, employee or held a position of management with a related organization?	No.
e) Possessed share-holdings, stock, stock options, equity with a related organization (excludes mutual funds or similar arrangements where the individual has no control over the selection of the shares)?	No.
f) Received personal gifts from a related organization?	No.
g) Had an outstanding loan with a related organization?	No.

h) Received royalty payments from a related organization?	No.
<b>2. Do you have any other competing interests that could pose a conflict of interest that would reasonably appear to be related to the primary interest?</b>	No.