Dear Selection Committee

The purpose of writing this motivation letter is to show my great interest in “Chairman of Voluntary Committee” which is a chance that I never want to miss.

Experiencing people and habits of different cultures is within my area of interest since I was a child and I am eternally grateful to my family for always being supportive and creating such opportunities. I must say that I did not only see rich and happy families during my experiences. I always remember the poor families I saw back then. At that time, what I could do as a child was limited nevertheless my family’s help to people in need, fired the wick for the volunteer work in me.

It is a known fact that a considerable part of individuals are having struggles to satisfy basic needs. When my interest in the field of health started, it did not take me long to see this fact also happening in dentistry. Before I even started studying dentistry, I knew I had to make a contribution to correct this situation as an individual who desires help people since my childhood. Therefore, I cannot stop thinking about this chance since IADS applications started.

In my point of view, IADS is built on such foundation. Events such as congresses and trainings for students all over the world, voluntary projects like “Humble Smile” and activities in order to create awareness for oral cancer are the main reasons why I appreciate IADS and lust for being a part of this community since they all are aimed to reach people around the world regardless of distances.

My minor voluntary works started with providing clothes, books, toys for children in the poor areas of country. IADS will give me the chance to reach large masses and realize the ideas I have in mind. Projects like “Gogos Give Smile”, “Humble Smile” are beyond words but alongside to these projects I also have ideas to contribute to IADS. I would like to organize activities in cooperation with the other committees like prophylaxis, apart from that, I would like to organize an event that will raise awareness for those who need dental treatments in addition to their basic needs in the world. This could be an event similar to WWF’s Earth Hour event yet much more dental oriented. It will be my priority to deliver aid to people in need but I will also make sure that communities across seven continents are aware of those who need this help.

Overall, striving to take my community to the next level is something in my DNA and people working with me believed in this feature at university and extracurricular activities like chess team, basketball team and gave me important tasks and we succeeded together.

I am one of those who believe that we can change the world if we are united, and we have seen many such examples in the world lately. Here comes the saying: “Big ideas happen with great people.” IADS includes the best dentistry students and adds new ones. I cannot think of a better place than here to realize my ideas about dentistry, to develop the community I am in, to reach great people and to include the undiscovered in IADS. I hope you welcome me into this valuable community and together we can take dentistry and awareness one step further.

Sincerely,
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