Dear Selection Committee,

My goal while writing this motivation letter is to show my interest in “Chairman of Prophylaxis Committee” because this is a chance I have been waiting for all my life.

Since the moment I was born, my grandfather has always been with me when I was laughing, crying and confused. He deserves the greatest thanks for being who I am today. When I was spending time together, I could not make sense of his sudden illness and loss. As I grew older, I realized that the disease that took him from me was cancer. The disease, which I do not even want to mention, had stuck in my mind from then on and I realized that more effort should be made on this subject.

At that time there was not so much information about diseases, especially concepts such as prophylaxis were far from people. Even before I started my education in the field of health, I had to put my mind on it, no matter what field I work in, I should raise people’s awareness about diseases and somehow convey them how they should be protected. The IADS came to me at the best possible time, because now, as a dentistry student, I had the opportunity to meet very valuable people who can help us a lot in important positions in the field of health and since the applications began I cannot help but think about this duty and what I will do if I am elected.

In my opinion, the basis on which IADS is established is exactly according to my way of thinking. It helps people with various volunteering projects, organizes trainings for better dentists, and tries to raise awareness for oral cancer, regardless of place and time in the world. This is exactly a community and working environment where I want to make my dreams come true.

Ever since I was little, I have been talking to smokers and trying to get them out of these habits. It is not like bragging, but the number of my successes is not few. Thus, I think I have some contribution to prophylaxis especially for lung and oral health. The IADS will bring me to a wider audience and raise awareness of everyone we can reach, not just the smokers around me. Mouth Cancer Action Month, held every November, is marvelous and an organization I am dying to be in. Likewise, World Oral Health Day is an organization that I contribute through social media and raise awareness of those around me. My mind is one step further than that. IADS is already very successful in reaching everyone in the field of health, but I believe that we can reach people who have no knowledge about prophylaxis with new projects in my mind. Here, the collaborations we will make with brands and the informative content that we will actively do on social media, especially when people are in quarantine, form the beginning stage of the plan. At the same time, I should not go without mentioning the collaborations I plan to make with other committees and regional directors. I believe that we will be able to accomplish our goal in the upcoming stages, by participating in congresses, by organizing seminars at schools, by making live broadcasts with experts in the field and similar events. Events and informative contents will continue unceasingly throughout my tenure.

If we knew the concept of prophylaxis better, we could save my grandfather. If you choose me, I promise you that I will work day and night so that all the people we can reach have knowledge and awareness of everything from the simplest oral health information to any situation that may pose a risk to oral health. As far as I can, I will do everything to let other people know how to avoid disease before getting the bad news. Because as someone who myself has suffered from this situation, nobody can do as much effort to protect other people from possible adversity. Whether it’s the wrong tooth brushing technique or advanced stage oral cancer, I sincerely say that I will ensure that everyone we can reach is conscious and careful.

As a result, if you accept me on the IADS team, you will have enabled me to fulfill my childhood dream and helped me work tirelessly towards one of my lifelong goals. Of course, I am also sure that we will take very important steps together to change the world.

Sincerely,

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