

Dear colleagues & members of national societies,

Our young child and adolescent psychiatry (CAP) colleagues and trainees represent the future of European CAP and ESCAP would like to respond to their request to be included in its community. Training varies among European countries but ESCAP is trying to advocate similar academic directions for all young clinicians taking the decision to choose CAP as their specialization and career path. Therefore, as part of a **new initiative, the ESCAP board has decided to establish a Committee for Early Career and Trainee CAPs**. By doing so, we are building vital networks and collaborations among young CAPs throughout Europe, who will inevitably drive the specialization forward in the coming years.

The committee will consist of young colleagues and trainees from all over Europe. Its main aim will be to **promote the communication with ESCAP and among them, in all aspects of our specialty**. Our goal is to develop networks in various domains (e.g. policy), to generate new initiatives for them and we would like their voices to be heard. Moreover, our goal is to closely collaborate with other organizations like EFPT-CAP, UEMS-CAP etc. and with ESCAP national societies in order to build a supportive network for CAP trainees and early career CAPs.

Our **National Societies are the backbone of ESCAP**, and we would like to expand our collaboration for our young colleagues all over Europe. Therefore, for ESCAP to generate a diverse and dynamic committee, **we call to you to propose candidates that you feel will help drive this initiative forward and who would be willing to volunteer their time to form the committee**.

With your contribution, we believe that we could achieve an active and sincere collaboration and build a network for our young colleagues and trainees for the future of our specialty and for the future of all children in Europe.