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<b>Name</b>	ALEX DIGESU
<b>Occupation</b>	CONSULTANT UROGYNAECOLOGIST
<b>Country of Residence</b>	UK
<b>Qualifications</b>	MD, PhD
<b>ICS Membership Number</b>	2093

<b>Position applying for</b>	Educational Committee Chair
<b>Nominated by</b>	Sherif Mourad
<b>Seconded by</b>	Chris Payne

<b>What interests you in this ICS position (100 words maximum)</b>	I would like to use my expertise in the review of educational activities and workshop applications in the planning of the best possible program for the ICS Annual Scientific Meetings giving voice to nurses, physiotherapists, scientists, fellows, urologists, gynaecologists, neurologists. I look forward to encouraging younger people who have interest in this field to join ICS, to submit their research, to present and share their data at the annual scientific meetings. I would work to have programs with more practical, didactic, interactive and hands on lectures. With the extensive experience I have in this field and having been a member of the Educational Committee for the last 4 years, I feel I can add an extra dimension to the work of this committee
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<b>Outline the skills, abilities and experience and what qualifications, if any, you could bring to this position and committee. (200 words maximum)</b>	<p>I have been a long term supporter and an active member at ICS for the past 15 years. I have contributed many scientific papers, abstracts and podium/workshop presentations at ICS meetings based on my research. I am also an author of several peer review articles, most of which are published in the Journal of NUU.</p> <p>In the past 10 years I have been involved as reviewer of peer review articles submitted for publication to different Journals such as: Neurourology and Urodynamics, Urology, J Urology, Int Urogynecology &amp; Pelvic Floor Dysfunction Journal (IUJ), BJU, EUJ as well as BJOG, O&amp;G, AJOG. Since 2009 I am member of the Editorial Board of the International Urogynecology &amp; Pelvic Floor Dysfunction Journal. I have been awarded in 2011, 2012, 2013 as "IUJ Top 3 Reviewer" and in January 2014 "Top BJOG Reviewer of 2013". These awards are given based on the number of reviews submitted, the quality, the expert opinions, objectivity and timely responses.</p> <p>In addition, over the last 10 years I have been involved in the organization of meetings and courses for physicians, nurses and physiotherapist collaborating with other pelvic floor specialists both locally, nationally and internationally. I am actively involved in the</p>
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	<p>organization of hands on educational masterclasses on anatomy, surgery, pelvic physical therapy worldwide using cadaver labs, simulators and videopresentations. If elected I will work on elearning educational modules in all disciplines, to encourage distance learning for all ICS members in order to improve their skills, knowledge thus assisting their continuing professional education.</p> <p>I am willing to bring dedication, passion in this multidisciplinary team with a collegial and collaborative approach.</p>
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Do you already hold the position and are standing for re-election? **No**

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*Alex Digesu*

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 09.02.2016

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<b>Name</b>	Elise Jaques Billings De, M.D.
<b>Occupation</b>	Reconstructive Urologist
<b>Country of Residence</b>	USA
<b>Qualifications</b>	Board Certified in Urology and Subspecialty Board Certified in Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery. 6 years on the Education Committee. 10 years on the ICS. Serving the Ethics Committee in Good Standing. Medical Director of Albany Pelvic Health Center.
<b>ICS Membership Number</b>	3304

<b>Position applying for</b>	Education Committee Chair
<b>Nominated by</b>	Helena Frawley Ph.D. P.T.
<b>Seconded by</b>	Lenaine Westney M.D. Nina Davis M.D.

<b>What interests you in this ICS position</b> (100 words maximum)	The education committee oversees all educational activities within the ICS. During the 6 years I served on the committee, the roles of the committee evolved. I enjoyed two aspects of the committee most: 1) organising and overseeing courses and workshops – forming the core of the didactic content, stand-alone and add on courses. IN essence providing a complete set of knowledge to membership and assuring quality. And 2) expanding the educational roles of the ICS. Faculty development, e-learning, strategic direction. I found these aspects to be very creative.
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<p><b>Outline the skills, abilities and experience and what qualifications, if any, you could bring to this position and committee.</b> (200 words maximum)</p>	<p>I have served the ICS for ten years (six on the Education Committee), reviewed abstracts and videos for the AUA, AUA-Northeast Section, and SUFU, taught a course at the AUA (Native Tissue Repair), lectured, presented, and published, created and online education set regarding fistula, served on the board of the Northeast Section AUA, and currently I am co-editing a book. I am medical director of the Albany Pelvic Health Center and have carefully apprenticed over 30 residents In Reconstructive Urology. I understand the ways in which education is packaged, organized, and the way it reaches its audience. These details are all on the C.V.</p> <p>Most importantly, however, I am skilled at reading the obstacles during a meeting, and bringing agenda items to action points. The ICS's multidisciplinary nature, the shared interest of its members in expert care for those with bladder, bowel and pelvic floor dysfunction, as well as the varied physical and cultural settings in which we provide that care render the ICS unique in the world. It is essential we accomplish our initiatives and provide the education we are positioned to share. The Biography on the ICS website articulates these thoughts further.</p>
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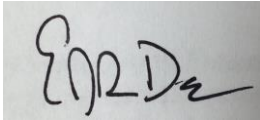
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Date: 2/29/16

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<b>Name</b>	Ervin Kocjancic
<b>Occupation</b>	Urologist
<b>Country of Residence</b>	USA
<b>Qualifications</b>	Specialist in Urology
<b>ICS Membership Number</b>	2524

<b>Position applying for</b>	Education Committee Chair
<b>Nominated by</b>	Margot Damaser
<b>Seconded by</b>	Kari Tikkinen

<b>What interests you in this ICS position</b> (100 words maximum)	<p>I would like to run for the second term as chair of Education Committee. I was part of the educational committee board for the past 8 years. And now 3 years as a chair of the same committee and would like to accomplish the massive renovation that the ED com. Underwent under my chairmanship. We were able to maintain and increase the number of high quality education events despite a significant reduction in the available budget. We increase the e-learning platform. We are working on implementing the web platform, which is going to allow an online participation to education events such as cadaver classes and other high quality courses.</p> <p>Another important part of my current mission is the promotion of the interdisciplinary culture</p> <p>of working and education among the different players in the field of pelvic floor dysfunction, Urologists, OBGYN, physical therapists and nurses are crucial for a modern approach in treatment of lower urinary tract and genital dysfunction.</p>
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<p><b>Outline the skills, abilities and experience and what qualifications, if any, you could bring to this position and committee.</b> (200 words maximum)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Current Education Committee Chair</li> <li>- University professor involved in teaching since many years</li> <li>- Excellent communication skills</li> <li>- Great International visibility</li> <li>- Team player and problem solver</li> </ul>
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<b>Name</b>	Hashim Hashim
<b>Occupation</b>	Consultant Urological Surgeon
<b>Country of Residence</b>	United Kingdom
<b>Qualifications</b>	MBBS, MRCS, MD, FEBU, FRCS (Urol)
<b>ICS Membership Number</b>	2365

<b>Position applying for</b>	Chair of Education Committee
<b>Nominated by</b>	Marcus Drake
<b>Seconded by</b>	Andrew Gammie

<b>What interests you in this ICS position</b> (100 words maximum)	I have been interested in education from the very beginning of my career and was appointed as the first trainee representative in the ICS education committee more than 10 years ago. I feel education is an integral part of the ICS and it is really what the ICS is all about. Having progressed through my clinical career and appointed as a consultant urological surgeon five years ago, I feel now is the right time to be able to offer more to the ICS to improve the educational aspects by chairing the education committee.
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<b>Outline the skills, abilities and experience and what qualifications, if any, you could bring to this position and committee.</b> (200 words maximum)	I have always been involved in education throughout my career and therefore would be interested in promoting and taking this aspect of the ICS to new ventures. Having been a trainee receiving the education and a trainer providing the education, I have acquired skills such as good communication, good presentation and management which would be ideally suited for this position. I have extensive experience in education having run numerous educational courses at the ICS which were amongst the best attended ones, and have been doing so since becoming an ICS member in 2003. I also run courses at national and international level and mentor medical students as part of the University of Bristol Program. In addition to being an educational supervisor to junior doctors, I also enjoy working in a multidisciplinary team environment leading a team of nurses, scientists and physiotherapists which also includes providing education to them.
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<b>Name</b>	Piotr Radziszewski
<b>Occupation</b>	Urologist, Head of the Department of General, Oncological and Functional Urology
<b>Country of Residence</b>	Poland
<b>Qualifications</b>	Urologist
<b>ICS Membership Number</b>	929

<b>Position applying for</b>	Educational Committee Chair
<b>Nominated by</b>	Scherif Mourad
<b>Seconded by</b>	Roger Dmochowski

<b>What interests you in this ICS position</b> (100 words maximum)	Two of our society main goals are science and education. However only by education we generate more high quality science. What is more, by education we can substantially improve our patient's care. ICS is an unique multispecialization society, therefore providing an unique opportunity for cross-specialization educational activities. I strongly believe that we are learning from each other, if elected my goal will be to promote such events, allowing members not only to listen to the lectures but also actively participate in workshops and seminars. In my opinion there is also a strong need to increase web based interactive educational activities.
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<b>Outline the skills, abilities and experience and what qualifications, if any, you could bring to this position and committee.</b> (200 words maximum)	I work with educational activities within urology, neurourology, urogynecology and functional urology since over 15 years. Starting from being just a lecturer I became later member of the European Association of Urology Scientific Congress Committee. In this committee I gained the knowledge not only how to plan the events, attract audience, collaborate with multiple specialties, but also how to measure educational efficacy and respond to changing demands of the society. I have seen good and bad educational events. I know the traps and opportunities and strongly believe that the best education is the interactive one, with the audience actively participating in the event(either in case studies, meet the expert or in hands on training formats).Apart from lecturing I'm actively involved in managing educational web based portal for medical practitioners and patients. I'm also and editor of two national journals, which target audience are doctors, nurses and physiotherapists. Last but not least I'm organizing a number of congresses on neurourology, urogynecology functional urology, which are the educational platform for all allied professions, since I strongly believe that only the joint care of nurses, physiotherapists and doctors can deliver the best treatment to our patients.
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