



ISSVD Nominations

The ISSVD updated its policy for nominations after the XXVII World Congress in Slovenia via membership vote and the new policy was implemented for this election. (Only Fellows vote).

A call for nominations to the Nominating committee went out and a vote of ISSVD Fellows was implemented to elect the two Fellows from the membership.

The Nominating Committee is made up of the following 5 Fellows:

- A Past President will serve as chair
- President Elect
- Board Member
- Two active Fellows

Additional Information:

- Nominations are open to all Fellows.
- Self Nominations are allowed.
- To determine the two active fellows from the membership: Vote will be held including all those who were nominated to be voted on by the fellows. The two with the most votes will be chosen.
- The current board will elect one board member
- The President's council will elect the Past President

The Nominating Committee

Pres Council: Jacob Bornstein

President: Pedro V Baptista

Board Member: Annemarie Dixe

Member: Mario Preti

Member: Ana Katherine Gonçalves

CURRENT NOMINEES FOR ISSVD BOARD OF DIRECTORS JULY 2026-OCTOBER 2028

PRESIDENT ELECT

- Ariadna Caussade
- Elmar Joura
- Amanda Selk

SECRETARY GENERAL

- Federica Bevilacqua
- Yara Lucia Furtado

TREASURER

- Annemarie Dixe
- Anne Sammarco

BOARD MEMBER AT LARGE

- Irene van der Avoort
- Céline Bouchard
- Benjamin Diker
- Lois Eva
- Yaniv Farajun
- Andrew Goldstein
- Monika Hampl

INDIVIDUAL NOMINATION LETTERS ATTACHED

ARIADNA CAUSSADE

Barcelona, 20 January 2026

Nominating Committee

International Society for the Study of Vulvovaginal Disease (ISSVD)

Dear Members of the Nominating Committee,

My name is Ariadna Caussade. I am a Uruguayan gynecologist and have been a Fellow of the ISSVD since 2006, following the Society's congress held in New Zealand. Since joining the ISSVD, I have always felt deeply honored to belong to this organization and have consistently worked with commitment and dedication in every role entrusted to me.

I had the privilege of serving as a Councillor on the ISSVD Board from 2015 to 2019 and of contributing to the Society through numerous scientific presentations and academic activities.

In Uruguay, I have been involved in teaching Lower Genital Tract diseases for over 31 years, initially at the Pereira Rossell Hospital Center in Montevideo and subsequently in my private clinic. I was the first President of the Latin American Society of Vulvar Diseases (SOLAPAV). Later, together with Dr. Marchitelli, I co-founded the Ibero-American Society of Vulva and Vagina (SIAVV), serving as its first President. This Society currently has more than 500 members.

In recent months, I have stepped away from clinical practice and relocated to Spain, where I now focus entirely on teaching. My current activities include delivering online educational courses on vulvar and vaginal diseases for professionals in Spain and Latin America, as well as participating as faculty in courses organized by Hospital Clínic of Barcelona and the Spanish Society of Cervical Pathology and Colposcopy (AEPCC).

Teaching vulvar diseases has always been my greatest professional passion. At this stage of my career, I feel I have the time, experience, and commitment required to serve and lead our global Society.

For these reasons, I respectfully submit my candidacy for consideration for the position of President of the ISSVD for the 2028–2030 term.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Ariadna Caussade, MD

ELMAR JOURA

Application for ISSVD presidency

Vulvar disease was always in the center of my professional career. Soon after my training started, I had to take care of the vulvar clinic of my institution at the Department of Gynecology of the Medical University of Vienna. After it has become also a scientific focus, I had to opportunity to spend one year with Ron Jones at the National Women's Hospital in Auckland, New Zealand. Ron was an amazing mentor and our friendship continued for three decades. He brought me to the Society, I became a fellow at the 1997 Congress in Baveno, Italy. From 2006-10 I was appointed as a councilor of the Society.

Becoming a gyne-oncologist and an investigator for HPV vaccines, vulvar disease remained in the center. In 2007 we published the very first paper on the prevention of precancerous vulvar lesions in the Lancet. This has become a cornerstone of prevention.

From 2020-2022 I had the honor to be president of the European College for the Study of Vulvovaginal Disease (ECSVD). Collaboration with the ISSVD was key and we always had an excellent collaboration in between these sister societies. Due to the COVID pandemic, the congress scheduled for Vienna, was held online, one of the very first of this type of meetings. Within the European Society of Gynecologic Oncology (ESGO) we have strong ties with the Society and together with Mario Preti the prevention committee, which I'm currently chairing has made a substantial impact on the policies of this society and women's health.

Having worked closely with presidents of four continents the spirit of the Society has to continue and integration of the wonderful and hard working members of all continents is important to me. Being asked to consider an application for this office, I feel an obligation to serve the Society if needed. The ISSVD has made vulvovaginal Disease a significant part of women's health and we can follow this path together.

Elmar Joura

AMANDA SELK

Dear Colleagues

I am writing to put my name forward for the position of President-Elect of the International Society for the Study of Vulvovaginal Disease.

ISSVD has been the professional home of my career. I currently serve on the ISSVD Board of Directors, chair the Social Media Committee and the Lichen Sclerosus Signs Committee, and serve as an Executive member of the Terminology Committee. I have also served on the Continuing Medical Education and Patient Education Committees. Working across these groups has given me a deep understanding of our governance structures, our strategic priorities, and the importance of thoughtful follow-through in advancing our mission.

My academic work has focused on strengthening clarity and rigor in vulvar disease. I served as Co-Editor of the *ISSVD Practical Guide to Lichen Sclerosus: Diagnosis and Management*, a project that reflects the collaborative international expertise of our Society. I currently lead the initiative to define and standardize lichen sclerosus signs — foundational work that strengthens research methodology, improves outcome measurement, and supports global clinical consistency.

Education and mentorship are central to my work. I established one of the only full-year dedicated vulvovaginal health fellowships globally. Graduates of this program have become ISSVD members and Fellows and are presenting research internationally, contributing to the sustainability and growth of our field. Building the next generation of vulvar specialists is, in my view, one of ISSVD's most important responsibilities.

To broaden global education, I created *The Vulva Diaries* podcast, which has been adopted as an ISSVD educational resource and ranks in the top 2.5% of podcasts worldwide by geographic reach, with listeners in 130 countries. Outside of ISSVD, I have been invited to speak on vulvar disease internationally in Colombia, Argentina, Mexico, India, the United Arab Emirates, Scotland, Finland, France, Greece, Australia, and the United States — in both high- and lower-resource settings. These invitations reflect not only the global need for vulvar education, but also the respect our discipline holds across diverse health systems and economic contexts.

Beyond ISSVD, I bring extensive governance experience. I served as President of the Society of Canadian Colposcopists and currently sit on the Executive Board of the International Federation for Cervical Pathology and Colposcopy. I also serve on the Board of Women's

College Hospital as Chair of the Medical Advisory Committee. These roles have required strategic planning, financial oversight, policy development, and collaborative leadership — experience directly relevant to guiding an international professional society.

Within NA-ISSVD, I served sequentially as Councilor, President-Elect, President, and Past President. During my presidency, we achieved measurable growth in engagement, programming, financial stability, and digital outreach. That experience reinforced the importance of continuity, transparent governance, and steady leadership in strengthening professional societies.

ISSVD is at a pivotal moment. Our work in definitions, education, globalization, and research standardization requires institutional memory, strategic continuity, and sustained leadership. The President-Elect role benefits from prior Board experience and familiarity with our ongoing initiatives. As a current Board member, I am prepared to step into that responsibility with clarity and commitment.

I am also proud to represent Canada. Despite Canada's longstanding contributions to vulvar research and education, we have never had a Canadian serve as ISSVD President. Geographic diversity strengthens our Society and reflects its truly international character.

Clinically, I lead a high-volume vulvar referral program. Academically, I am a Professor at the University of Toronto with an active research and mentorship portfolio. Organizationally, I have experience building and sustaining programs at local, national, and international levels.

It would be an honour to serve as President-Elect and to continue advancing ISSVD's mission of improving vulvovaginal health worldwide through collaboration, education, and rigorous science.

Amanda Selk

FEDERICA BEVILACQUA

Dear Colleagues,

I am writing to express my strong interest in the position of ISSVD Secretary General. Since joining the ISSVD in 2019 and transitioning to Fellow in 2024, I have remained deeply committed to advancing the Society's mission through sustained academic, educational, and organizational contributions.

Over the past years, I have supported the ISSVD through multiple initiatives, including co-authoring several Society publications and fostering international collaboration as a representative of the ISSVD delegation at EBCOG 2025 in Frankfurt. I have also consistently contributed to our educational goals as a frequent speaker and moderator in ISSVD webinars and World Congresses.

My leadership and administrative experience were strengthened during my tenure as Chair of the Vulvar Awareness Day Committee (2022–2024), where I coordinated activities and worked closely with colleagues to deliver high-impact initiatives. I continue to be actively involved in the Society's scientific work through my current roles on the Vaginitis Committee and the Committee on Vulvar Disease Impact regarding Benign and Neoplastic Disorders. These experiences have provided me with a solid understanding of ISSVD priorities and the operational discipline required to support the Board and membership effectively.

If selected, I would bring to the Secretary General role a collaborative style, organizational skills, and a clear commitment to strengthening communication, supporting committees, and ensuring continuity across the Society's key projects.

Thank you for considering my candidacy. I would be honored to contribute to the ISSVD's continued growth and impact, and I look forward to the opportunity to discuss my application further.

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Federica Bevilacqua, MD

YARA LUCIA FURTADO

To participate on the board

Dear Debbie

I am interested in staying on the board of ISSVD, maybe as secretary general. I'm a professor of 2 Federal Universities in Brazil and in at the moment I am participating in research at National Cancer Institute of Brazil (a large research called "Genomas of Brazil")

Best regards

Yara Lucia Furtado

ANNEMARIE DIXE

Dear Members,

I am writing to express my desire to continue serving on the ISSVD Board and to fulfill my second term through 2028. It has been an honor to serve during the past two years, and I remain deeply committed to the mission and future of the Society.

During my time on the Board, I have made it a priority to remain engaged and actively contribute to the work of the organization. I have attended all Board meetings and have endeavored to be communicative, thoughtful, and collaborative in my role.

In addition to my Board responsibilities, I have served on the Development Committee and organized an individual donation campaign that generated additional funding for the ISSVD. I was also instrumental in organizing the Society's first educational collaboration with Le Moyne College, which not only provided financial support to the ISSVD but, more importantly, expanded educational outreach to an important and underserved sector of the medical community.

I am profoundly supportive of the ISSVD and deeply respect the many members who have generously given their time and talent to build and sustain this Society. It would be a privilege to continue contributing to that legacy through my continued service on the Board. I am proud to have been nominated as treasurer and look forward to serving my second term in that position in lieu of serving my second term as a board member.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Annemarie Dixe

ANNE SAMMARCO

To the Board of ISSVD:

I am nominating myself for candidacy as Treasurer for the International Society for the Study of Vulvovaginal Disease, building on eight years of continuous service to the Society as a fellow, a member of the Finance Committee and as Assistant Treasurer. During this time, I have developed a fuller understanding of the Society's financial structure, budgeting processes, and long-term fiscal priorities, as well as working to ensure responsible stewardship of resources. In the role of treasurer, I plan to work toward transparent financial reporting, strategic planning, and sustainable growth in support of the Society's mission. I am motivated to take on the Treasurer role to provide continuity, apply my institutional knowledge at a higher level of responsibility, and continue strengthening the Society's financial health in service of its members and the field.

Anne G. Sammarco MD, MPH

Associate Professor

Urogynecology and Reconstructive Pelvic Surgery

Program Director University Hospitals/MetroHealth URPS Fellowship

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IRENE VAN DER AVOORT

Dear ISSVD,

With this email I am expressing my interest in a position as a Board Member.

In 2004 I started my PhD on the oncogenesis of vulvar cancer in 2004. I joined the ISSVD in 2009 as a resident in OBGYN, and after presenting in New York in 2015, I became a fellow. I am a proud contributor of a chapter in the ISSVD book on Lichen Sclerosus that was presented in Ljubljana.

Being a fellow, has helped me solve clinical problems and reach scientific milestones. But more than that, it has given me international friendships for life. Attending a conference, next to gaining knowledge on vulvovaginal disease, is an ongoing feast of encounters with old friends, and making new ones.

It motivates me to continue scientific work on vulvar disease next to my job as an all round gynaecologist & obstetrician with a special interest in cervical and vulvovaginal disease.

After all these years it is time to pay back the Society by serving as a board member.

I have extensive experience being a board member. During my residency I served a 2 year term as a president of the Dutch junior OBGYN society, and in that role, a member of the board of the Dutch Society of Obstetrics and Gynaecology (NVOG). In my hospital I have been the head of our residency program for OBGYN Residents since 2019, and president of the hospital's Resident Training committee since 2022.

I am an active member of the Dutch Society for vulvar pathology (NVVVP), and my nomination for the ISSVD Board is supported by the NVVVP board.

I look forward to using my experience and extensive national, European and worldwide network to build bridges, explore opportunities for collaborations and organize meetings where we can work together to improve the care for all patients with vulvo-vaginal problems.

This time, more than ever, calls for setting differences aside, embrace common goals and join forces to fight for women's health issues.

Due to family commitments (my sister who lives in Australia with her family is visiting us) I unfortunately cannot attend the upcoming meeting in Halifax. I hope this will not hinder my potential election as a board member.

I hope the nominating committee will take my application into consideration for a position in the board. Should you need more information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best regards, and hoping to hear from you soon,

Irene van der Avoort

CÉLINE BOUCHARD

Québec, Canada, March 21 2026

Professor Jacob Bornstein,

Chair Nominating Committee, ISSVD

Dear Professor Bornstein,

I am writing to formally submit my application to serve on the Board of the International Society for the Study of Vulvovaginal Disease (ISSVD). As a clinician–researcher dedicated to vulvar and vaginal health, and a current ISSVD Fellow, I am eager to contribute more actively to the Society’s strategic direction, educational mission, and international collaborations.

My clinical and academic practice has focused for many years on complex vulvovaginal conditions, particularly vestibulitis/provoked vestibulodynia and vulvovaginal atrophy in both naturally menopausal and medically induced hypoestrogenic states. I have been involved in the development of multidisciplinary care pathways for women with chronic vulvar pain and genitourinary syndrome of menopause, integrating evidence-based medical therapies, psychosexual support, and patient education.

My research portfolio includes peer-reviewed publications and presentations in the areas of:

1. Vulvar vestibulitis/vestibulodynia (diagnostic challenges, patient-reported outcomes, and treatment approaches);
2. HPV vaccination and its implications for lower genital tract disease prevention and counselling, and HPV related VIN.
3. Vulvovaginal atrophy/genitourinary syndrome of menopause, including quality-of-life impact and therapeutic strategies.
4. Lichen sclerosus and lichen planus.

These activities have been complemented by regular teaching of residents, and practicing clinicians on vulvovaginal disorders, HPV vaccination, and menopausal health, both nationally and internationally.

I have significant experience in professional governance that I believe would be valuable to the ISSVD Board. I currently serve/have served on boards and committees of:

1. The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, where I have been involved in specialty standards, assessment, and continuing professional development activities;

2. The Canadian Menopause Society (CMS), where I sit on the Board and I am serving as President in 2026;
3. The Board of the Canadian Menopause Society, where my work has included strategic planning, guideline development, member engagement, and advocacy related to midlife women's health.

These roles have given me practical experience with board responsibilities, including governance, policy development, ethics, finance oversight, and the execution of national educational initiatives. I am comfortable working in consensus-driven, multidisciplinary environments and balancing the needs of clinicians, researchers, trainees, and patients.

As an ISSVD Fellow, I am committed to the Society's mission of advancing knowledge, clinical excellence, and compassionate care in vulvovaginal disease worldwide.

I would be honored to bring my clinical experience, research background, and board-level leadership to the ISSVD Board, and to work collaboratively with colleagues to further the Society's global impact.

Thank you for considering my application. I would be pleased to provide a detailed curriculum vitae, publication list, or any additional information you may require.

Best Regards,
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BENJAMIN DIKER

Dear Members of the ISSVD Nominating Committee,

I am pleased to submit my statement of interest in service on the Board of the International Society for the Study of Vulvovaginal Disease. As a committed member of the Society for 10 years, I have seen how the ISSVD's multidisciplinary mission serves as a guiding force for excellence in vulvovaginal health worldwide. I am eager to contribute at a leadership level to support the Society's continued growth and impact.

I am a gynecologist with a clinical focus on vulvar diseases. My engagement with the ISSVD has included regular attendance at World Congresses, with oral presentations at the 2017, Mendoza world congress meeting.

These experiences have strengthened my appreciation for the ISSVD's collaborative culture and reinforced my commitment to its mission. I believe the Society is at a pivotal moment, with increasing opportunities to expand global outreach, enhance digital education, and support career development across disciplines and regions.

If selected, my priorities would include:

- **Global Engagement:** Supporting broader participation from Hungary, helping ensure that ISSVD guidelines and educational resources are accessible, relevant, and globally applicable.
- **Multidisciplinary Collaboration:** Strengthening collaboration among dermatology, gynecology, pathology, and allied specialties to promote comprehensive, patient-centered care.
- **Mentorship and Development:** Advancing structured mentorship pathways for junior members and fellows to cultivate the next generation of leaders in vulvovaginal health.

Thank you for your consideration. I would be honored to serve the ISSVD in this capacity and contribute to its continued success.

Sincerely,

Dr. Diker Benjamin

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LOIS EVA

Dear ISSVD,

23rd February 2026

I would like to express my interest in nomination to the Board as a member at large. I was introduced to the ISSVD as a senior registrar by Prof Allan MacLean and Prof Ron Jones, having worked for many years as a junior doctor and research fellow with Allan in London. I then moved to New Zealand and was Ron's successor in Auckland and took over the vulval clinic which he ran with Darion Rowan. I have been a member of the ISSVD since 2003 when I first presented in Brazil and have attended every world congress since then.

I have presented abstracts at the world congress meetings in Brazil, Alaska, Edinburgh, Torino, Ljubljana and won the best Fellow presentation award in Torino in 2019. This year I have been invited to participate in the World Congress in Halifax.

I have been previously been on the faculty of the post graduate course in Paris and Dublin and helped facilitate the flap workshops in New York and Ljubljana. I was on the nominating committee in 2022 and 2024.

I have been on the education committee for the IGCS and presented on vulval reconstruction for their educational film festival and was the supervising author of the vulval cancer module for the IGCS global nursing curriculum. I am currently the Vice President of the Australian Colposcopy Society (ASCCP) and teach the vulval component of their update courses. I have a research degree and have published extensively on vulval disease and currently am on the editorial board of the Journal of Lower Genital Tract Disease.

In terms of clinical expertise I am the head of department of Gynaecological Oncology in Auckland and treat more than half of the vulval cancers in New Zealand. I also head the vulval clinic established by Ron Jones and Darion Rowan and along with several colleagues we provide regional care for complex premalignancy and benign vulval disease. I have been on the committees which designed the service configuration and national standards for Gynaecological Cancer services for New Zealand, and was on the guidelines committee and co author of the national cervical screening guidelines for the NCSP.

Previously due to the staffing crisis in Gynae Oncology in our country I was unable to commit to serving on the Board, but the situation has improved and I now feel that I would be able to allocate the required time. New Zealand has had a long association with the ISSVD and I wish to continue the work that the previous giants of our specialty started.

Best wishes

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YANIV FARAJUN

Dear Professor Jacob Bornstein

I am honored to receive your personal invitation encouraging me to consider my application for election to the board of the ISSVD.

As a fellow of the ISSVD and a part of the global community dedicated to vulvovaginal health, I am willing to contribute my time and expertise to help ensure that the ISSVD continues to grow and innovate.

I am a fellow and a member of the ISSVD since 2011.

I participated in the postgraduate course and World congress XXI ,FRANCE Paris,

In the postgraduate course XXII , in TEL AVIV, and in the postgraduate course and World congress XXV , ITALY TORINO

I served as Assistant to the President of the ISSVD 2011-2013, assisting in planning the postgraduate course held in TEL AVIV as part of the XXII World Congress.

During my residency in OBGYN and until now I am dedicated to the diagnosis and treatment of women suffering from vulvovaginal diseases and cervical pathologies.

Leveraging the expertise I have acquired, including specialized training from the ISSVD, I act as a consultant for doctors as well as for patients in the health organizations I work for, while collaborating with other colleagues and other care providers, such as pelvic floor rehabilitator when required.

I'm excited for the opportunity to join the board and do my part in helping the ISSVD to grow and better serve its patients.

ANDREW GOLDSTEIN

February 17, 2026

Dear Members of the ISSVD Nominating Committee,

I would like to be considered for nomination to the Board of Directors of ISSVD. Given my extensive leadership experience in a similar (though larger) medical society, as well as my 25 years of active participation as an ISSVD Fellow, I believe I am well qualified to serve as Treasurer, Secretary General, or Board Member.

I have been attending ISSVD meetings since 1999 (Portugal) and became a Fellow in 2001. I have attended nearly every World Congress since that time. I currently serve as Chair of the ISSVD Research Committee, where I proposed and helped establish the new ISSVD Research Grant. In addition, I served on the Ad Hoc Committee to revise ISSVD election procedures. I have attached letters of endorsement from several ISSVD Fellows in support of my candidacy.

My clinical career has been devoted exclusively to the treatment of vulvovaginal disorders since 2001. I have held faculty appointments at both the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine and The George Washington University School of Medicine. I have published more than 160 peer-reviewed papers, abstracts, and book chapters, and I have co-edited four textbooks as well as co-authored two books for lay audiences.

Beyond ISSVD, I have been an active member of multiple societies dedicated to female sexual dysfunction and sexual pain disorders, including SSTAR, IPPS, ISSM, ASCCP, NAMS, and SMSNA. However, I have devoted the majority of my leadership efforts to the International Society for the Study of Women's Sexual Health (ISSWSH), where I served as President.

During my presidency of ISSWSH, membership increased by 35%, and the society's reserve account more than doubled. Under my leadership, ISSWSH sponsored several important consensus conferences, including the ISSVD/IPPS/ISSWSH vulvodynia nomenclature consensus conference, the NAMS/ISSWSH genitourinary syndrome of menopause consensus conference, and the ISSWSH/ISSM International Consultation in Sexual Medicine. Prior to serving as President, I was Treasurer and Annual Meeting Chair. Following my presidency, I remained actively involved and helped establish a sexual pain educational course that has been taught to more than 2,000 practitioners. Through these collective efforts, ISSWSH has grown to approximately 1,700 members and now maintains a cash surplus exceeding \$3 million.

Currently, 36% of medical societies report declining membership, and 68% report difficulty attracting new members. I believe my leadership experience at ISSWSH could help ISSVD foster a more diverse and expanding membership base. While most ISSVD members recognize the importance of a multidisciplinary approach to vulvovaginal disorders, ISSVD membership remains predominantly physician-based. In contrast, ISSWSH is composed of approximately 50% physicians and 50% non-physicians, including physical therapists, sex therapists, psychologists, and nurse practitioners. Among physician members, representation spans gynecology, urology, dermatology, physiatry, oncology, surgery, psychiatry, internal medicine, and family medicine. I believe similar diversification could strengthen ISSVD.

I would also bring substantial experience working with the pharmaceutical industry. I have served as a consultant for more than a dozen pharmaceutical companies in clinical trials focused on vulvovaginal disorders, including lichen sclerosus, lichen planus, vestibulodynia, and chronic pelvic pain. Historically, few ISSVD members have had significant involvement in the drug development process. My experience in this area could provide valuable perspective as ISSVD seeks to advance therapeutic innovation. Additionally, my established relationships within the pharmaceutical industry may help increase sponsorship—an essential component of maintaining ISSVD's financial stability.

I have also actively facilitated collaboration between societies. For example, I have invited Drs. Bornstein, Foster, Haefner, and Stockdale to speak at ISSWSH meetings. Each year at the ISSWSH Annual Meeting, we have welcomed invited guests from NAMS, AUGS, SSTAR, and ISSM. This type of cross-society collaboration could be similarly beneficial for ISSVD.

Finally, over the past decade, I have devoted significant time to treating cervical cancer in resource-poor countries. I founded the Gynecologic Cancers Research Foundation, which has raised and distributed more than \$1.8 million to support cervical dysplasia, cervical cancer, and lichen sclerosus treatment and research initiatives. The foundation played an important role in the U.S. National Cancer Institute's Elimination of Cervical Cancer Moonshot Program. I believe ISSVD members may have interest in similar global and volunteer initiatives, and I would be eager to help facilitate such efforts.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Andrew T. Goldstein, MD, FACOG, IF

Director, The Center for Vulvovaginal Disorders

President, The Gynecologic Cancers Research Foundation

Clinical Professor, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology

The George Washington University School of Medicine

Professor Dr. Jacob Bornstein

Dr. Pedro Vieira-Baptista

Nominating Committee of ISSVD

COLOGNE, 24.03.2026

Dear Members of the ISSVD Nomination Committee,

I am pleased to submit my application for a position on the ISSVD Board. I am a gynecologist with more than thirty years of clinical and academic experience focused on vulvovaginal disease, cervical dysplasia, and vulvar cancer.

I currently lead a dysplasia clinic in Cologne, Germany, treating approximately 1,600 patients annually. My surgical practice includes approximately 600 procedures for dysplastic and benign vulvar disease and 60–80 oncologic surgeries for vulvar and vaginal cancer each year. This number of surgical procedures has given me extensive experience in early detection, surgical management, and long-term patient care.

From 2014 to 2022, I served as Chair of the AGO Commission on Vulva and Vagina within the German Society of Gynecology and Obstetrics (DGGG). In this role, I led the development of the national S2k guidelines on vulvar and vaginal cancer and contributed to multiple interdisciplinary guidelines, including cervical cancer prevention, anal cancer, oral lichen planus lichen sclerosus, and syphilis.

My academic work includes peer-reviewed publications on vulvar cancer, VIN, and HPV-related disease, as well as over 1,000 invited lectures for clinicians and scientific audiences. I have also participated in cervical cancer screening initiatives in Nepal, Ethiopia, Madagascar, and Cambodia, with a focus on expanding access to preventive care in the developing world.

I would bring to the ISSVD Board profound clinical experience, guideline development expertise, and a strong commitment to education and global collaboration. My priorities include improving diagnostic accuracy and advancing treatment strategies for vulvar preneoplastic and neoplastic disease, as well as vulvar dermatoses.

I welcome the opportunity to contribute to the ISSVD's clinical, educational, and research efforts and to support its continued international impact.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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