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I am a 53-years old gynecologic oncologist from Turku, Finland. I got my specialization in Gynecology and Obstetrics 1999, and subspecialization to Gynecologic Oncology in 2004. I am currently working as a gynecologic oncologist in the department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Turku University Hospital. I have been a member of NSGO from early 2000's. My activities in NSGO include NSGO Board member 2008-2012, Finnish representative of NSGO-CTU Foundation from 2010- , member of NSGO-CTU Executive Board from 2012- and NSGO representative in ENGOT Translation Research –group from 2013 -.

I think NSGO has two important functions. Firstly, it arranges high quality educational meetings yearly, thus giving everybody involved in gynecological cancer care a unique opportunity to expand their knowledge, and at the same time socialize and network with colleagues from neighbouring countries. Secondly, NSGO-CTU provides a very important platform for participation in clinical trials. NSGO is an active participant in ENGOT (European Network for Gynecological Oncological Trial groups). This activity guarantees, that our patients have access to the newest treatments in gynecological cancer care. A closer collaboration and networking with patient advocacy groups and a stronger commitment to public awareness issues might be our future task. Participation in the Globeathon events arranged in Septembers 2013 and 2014 is a good example of this kind of activity.

I am honored to be chosen as the Finnish candidate for the President-Elect voting.