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Dear Professor Holford,

Thank you for the opportunity to take part in an election for membership on the PAGANZ Committee. I have a strong desire to develop pharmacometrics in Australasia within both the pharmacy and clinical pharmacology research communities. In particular, I am committed to fostering support for pharmacometrics students in Australasia through, for example, training networks and strategies for supporting student travel to international conferences and advanced training courses. The current vacancy on the PAGANZ Committee therefore presents an ideal opportunity for me to realise this goal.

I am a clinical pharmacist by training. I hold an MSc and PhD in pharmacometrics from the University of Otago. I am currently a senior lecturer with the Otago Pharmacometrics Group. I have 31 peer-review papers, over 60 conference presentations, and a current H-index of 10.

I feel I am a strong candidate for membership on the PAGANZ committee because;

1. I am dedicated to the development of pharmacometrics.
 - I have organised and run the PAGANZ pharmacometrics workshop for beginners (tutor in 2010, co-organiser in 2015, tutor in 2017).
 - I initiated, organised, and chaired a pharmacometrics symposium at the ASCEPT-NZ annual meeting, Nelson NZ, August 2016.
 - I am currently co-supervising 5 PhD students in pharmacometrics.
 - I have been an invited speaker for pharmacometrics-themed symposia;
 - i. ASCEPT scientific meeting, Melbourne, 2013. "Traditional versus population PK: two ways to skin the same cat?", and,
 - ii. FiP World Congress, Korea, 2017. "Dose individuation of anticoagulants" .
2. I am dedicated to my own continuing education in pharmacometrics.
 - I have attended nearly every PAGANZ meeting since 2010 and I regularly attend and present research at both the PAGE and ACoP conferences. I am a member of ISO-P.
 - I have attended advanced training courses, including;
 - Advanced PKPD (Singapore, 2012),
 - Advanced Methods in NONMEM 7.3 (ACoP, Las Vegas, 2014)
 - Pharmacometrics Statistics Workshop (Dublin, 2017).
3. I have experience as an executive officer with other scientific societies.
 - President ASCEPT NZ (2014 & 2015). Examples of accomplishments: i) successfully lobbied for fee parity with Australia, ii) increased external sponsorship for the ASCEPT NZ conference, iii) ran a successful campaign to increase ASCEPT membership and conference attendance.
 - Chaired the ASCEPT NZ conference organising committee (2014 and 2015).
 - Member of the local organising committee for PAGANZ 2014.

I believe I am ideally suited for this position. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



Daniel Wright