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My name is Hesh and I wish to become a member of the PAGANZ committee. The committee manages the PAGANZ Society and oversees the annual meeting.

I have been a regular attendee and speaker at PAGANZ since 2008. I have also helped organise two PAGANZ conferences and co-ran two Beginners NONMEM workshops.

I qualified as a pharmacist in 2001. I hold a master's in clinical pharmacy degree (University of Otago) and a PhD in clinical pharmacology/pharmacometrics (University of Otago). I'm currently a full-time academic at the School of Pharmacy, University of Otago, and co-run the Otago Pharmacometrics Group lab (www.pharmacometrics.co.nz).

My areas of research include paediatric clinical pharmacology and the influence of body composition on drug dose-response; in addition to clinical practice and pharmacy education.

I have been an active member of various academic and professional organisations in New Zealand and internationally. These include the Pharmaceutical Society of New Zealand, the Pharmacy Council of New Zealand, the Australasian Society of Clinical and Experimental Pharmacologists and Toxicologists committee (NZ chapter) and, most recently, the international advisory board of the British Pharmacological Society.

The PAGANZ community is small but thriving as more pharmacologists and clinicians (doctors and pharmacists) appreciate the importance of population modelling and simulation in drug development and clinical use. I can bring a fresh perspective on what needs the community has and how best to engage and deliver. I work alongside great experimental and clinical pharmacologists, pharmacometricians, and clinical practitioners and it would be great to be in a position to help bridge the gaps between experiential and clinical and between research, practice, and perhaps industry.

The PAGANZ committee has been great in looking after the Society and the annual meeting. I have the necessary skills and a lot of enthusiasm to continue the good work and attract more scientists and clinical practitioners to our growing community.