



EUROPEAN
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IMMUNOGENETICS

Elections 2023

Nomination for Councillor

For the two positions as Councillor three nominations have been received and as a result, elections will be organised early 2023 for the two Councilor positions. The elections will be held electronically as we have had the last five times.



Sebastiaan Heidt

I am Director of the Eurotransplant Reference Laboratory and Associate Professor / group leader at the Department of Immunology at the LUMC, Leiden the Netherlands. After obtaining my PhD on the role of B cells in transplantation in the laboratory of Frans Claas, I worked as a postdoc in the laboratory of Kathryn Wood in Oxford, focusing on immunomonitoring of kidney trans-plant recipients. After my return to the LUMC, I continued my research with Frans Claas, focusing on the

humoral alloimmune response in organ trans-plantation.

My main research interests are HLA epitope matching, the formation and detection of HLA-specific B cell memory, definition of acceptable HLA mismatches and novel treatment options for sensitized patients. I am the current president of the International HLA and Immunogenetics Workshop. Furthermore, I am actively involved in EFI, where I am member of the Scientific Committee, serve as Editor-in-Chief for the EFI Newsletter, and am Section Editor for Solid Organ Transplantation of the HLA journal. In addition, I co-chaired the 2022 EFI conference in Amsterdam.

As a Councillor I would like to work on future communication strategies for the EFI membership, and would like to help optimize the process of organizing the EFI annual meeting.

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