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To briefly introduce myself: I am a Professor of Pediatrics and work as a Pediatric Hematologist and Oncologist at the Johann Wolfgang Goethe-University, Frankfurt, Germany. My clinical and scientific interest focuses on infectious complications in children with cancer, the interaction of host immune cells and fungi, and the development of immunotherapeutic strategies against invasive fungal infections in hematopoietic stem cell transplant recipients. I am an author of about 200 articles listed in PubMed, and first or senior author on clinical and laboratory articles published in highly ranked journals such as *Journal of Infectious Diseases*, *Clinical Infectious Diseases*, *Infection and Immunity*, *Journal of Clinical Oncology* and *Lancet Oncology*. I currently chair the sections “Infection in the immunocompromised child” of the German Societies of Pediatric Infectious Diseases and Pediatric Oncology and Hematology, respectively, and the section “Infections in Hematology and Oncology” of the Paul-Ehrlich-Gesellschaft. Until 2016, I was leading the section “Supportive Care” of the International Society of Pediatric Oncology.

As a passionate Pediatric Hematologist and Oncologist with a special interest in infectious diseases, I could significantly contribute to the mission of the Society. I believe that the combination of my clinical experience and benchwork is of major advantage in improving both the understanding of the host response of the immunocompromised patient and the clinical management in this patient population.