

Dear members of BioEM, dear colleagues, dear friends,

It is with great enthusiasm that I submit my candidacy for the position of President-Elect of BioEM. As I move into a later and reflective stage of my career, I am especially mindful of the profound role that BioEM, together with its two predecessor societies, has played in shaping my scientific path. The Society has provided an enduring forum for rigorous science, open and constructive debate, multidisciplinary exchange, and the development of international networks essential for collaborative research. These experiences have been both formative and deeply rewarding.

My first conference experience, the one held in Bologna in 1997, remains a vivid memory. Presenting my PhD work—an epidemiological study on power lines and childhood leukaemia risk in Germany—was both an exciting and humbling experience. Since then, research on cancer risks across the electromagnetic frequency spectrum has remained a central theme of my work, naturally strengthening my engagement with the Society throughout my professional appointments in Germany, Denmark, and ultimately at the International Agency for Research on Cancer of the World Health Organization in France.

Looking ahead, my motivation to serve is rooted in a strong commitment to preserving and further strengthening BioEM's core values: scientific rigour, openness of discussion, creativity in developing ideas, and capacity building across generations and disciplines. I am keen to contribute to ensuring that early-career scientists and future members of our community can benefit from the same positive, stimulating, and inclusive environment that has been so important to my own career.

Drawing on my long-standing involvement with the Society, including my service as President of the Bioelectromagnetics Society, together with my experience in fostering international collaboration within the United Nations system, I believe I can serve BioEM effectively and with dedication.

With kind regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. Schir". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.