

Dear members of the BELNUC Board,
Dear colleagues,

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I would like to apply for a position as a BELNUC regular board member. I am a nuclear medicine physician and have been a clinical staff member at UZ Leuven for the past five years. In 2025, I obtained my PhD (PET/MR imaging for quantification and evaluation of prostate-specific membrane antigen and somatostatin receptor expression), with a strong focus on clinically meaningful implementation of advanced imaging.

BELNUC has played an important role in my professional development, and I would be motivated to give back by contributing actively to the society's scientific, educational, and community-building activities.

My motivation is based on the following:

Longstanding involvement with BELNUC. My first encounter with BELNUC was at the 2017 biannual symposium in Ghent, where I gave my first scientific oral presentation at a conference. Since then, I have presented multiple times at BELNUC symposia (oral and poster). At the virtual BELNUC 2021 symposium, I received the third place award in the Young Nuclearist Challenge. In 2023, I joined the BELNUC AI working group, which strengthened my collaborative skills.

Scientific, international experience. Since 2020, I have delivered four scientific presentations and three presentations as an invited speaker at the EANM conferences, including a "Challenge the Expert" session with professor Oliver Sartor, who is a leading figure in PSMA theranostics. I was selected for the EANM NextGen program in 2024 and received third place in the EANM Sanjiv Sam Gambhir Young Investigator Award in 2025. These experiences have broadened my network and provide perspectives and connections that I would be happy to bring to BELNUC.

Clinical, (inter)national experience. During my residency, I have gained clinical experience in the hospitals of ZOL Genk and AZ Turnhout. In addition, I received an ENETS grant in 2023 and completed a one-month preceptorship at the ENETS Center of Excellence at Erasmus MC in Rotterdam. This experience broadened my clinical knowledge for the care of oncological patients, in the field of nuclear medicine and internal medicine.

Mentoring and education of young professionals. I find it important to share scientific and clinical knowledge with younger colleagues. I co-supervised five successful theses (three MaNaMa residents-in-training, one medical master student, and one postgraduate advanced medical imaging student). I also supervised two residents-in-training for case presentations at BELNUC symposia in 2022 and 2023; both subsequently won the Young Nuclearist Challenge. I would like to continue supporting this type of engagement within BELNUC.

I believe I can contribute to the BELNUC Board through my scientific and clinical experience, my collaborative approach, and my strong engagement in education and mentorship. Thank you for considering my application. I look forward to the opportunity to contribute to BELNUC's mission.

Kind regards,
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