

Regional Board Member (Region: Eastern Mediterranean)



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Experience and suitability for the role, including viral hepatitis status

(By board member):

The fact of being a hepatitis C survivor and the fact of having implemented successfully Hép Attitude Positive since 2006, a NGO for both supporting hepatitis B and C sufferers, survivors and their families, plus the fact of having created international relationships such as with the WHO, gives the author the needed requirements to fulfill the job of Board Member for the Eastern Mediterranean.

The most significant aspect for the author is his being a hepatitis C survivor, because understanding the sufferer's language is a key to success. Alongside with this, the author fluently speaks and writes English, Arabic and French. The author can also travel easily, as he manages his own schedule.

The author has been lobbying successfully in Lebanon for hepatitis B and C to be recognized as a major public health issue. He has also lobbied successfully for the ministry of Public Health to sign the WHA proposed resolution at the WHO 63rd Assembly, recognizing the WHD to be included in WHO calendar. The author started his work as a simple HCV survivor and is now successfully heading the Hép Attitude Positive NGO, whose goal is to reach the entire Middle East with his work.

They say success comes from hard work and goodwill, this is exactly what the nominee is: a hard worker, who has healed from hepatitis C and therefore believes miracles, exists as long as one believes in them.

And last but not least, the author is undertaking a Master of Public Health with the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Liverpool, an asset that he considers to be considerable for the job.