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DEAR EHRA MEMBERS

On behalf of Addiction Research Center Alternative Georgia, I would like to express my interest in becoming a member of the Steering Committee for Caucasus Region. I'm Irma Kirtadze (MD, PhD) currently working as an assistant professor at the Ilia State University and as a senior researcher for an addiction research center Alternative Georgia.

I bring over 15 years of experience in leading teams and managing HIV prevention services and research projects, including strong communication/collaboration with professional and community representatives. I worked as a Program Director of the Georgian Harm Reduction Network and managed a program portfolio worth of several USD million and coordinated an HIV/AIDS prevention program among PWIDs in Georgia. As a co-founder of the women self-organization (women who use drugs) Aceso International (in 2012) I supported the organization's capacity building through conducting trainings for outreach workers and empowering women's groups in service delivery and advocacy. My most recent activities in harm reduction includes the development and implementation of innovative project of syringe vending machines in Tbilisi (capital of Georgia). All the details of my work in the field of drug addiction you can find in my CV.

At the end of this motivation letter I do confirm that fully support the vision and mission of EHRA and will be honoured to take any opportunity to support the work of the Steering Committee; I believe that the combination of my research expertise, diverse experience in service delivery, substantial knowledge of healthcare programs and the ability of quantitative and qualitative data analyses, puts me in an excellent position to become the member of EHRA Steering Committee.

Thank you for your consideration.

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