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My work with the Professional Association of Resident Physicians of Alberta (PARA) over the last two years has inspired me to run for president of the association for the upcoming 2012/2013 term. I am driven by a sincere interest and desire to sustain and promote PARA values of excellence in medical education and resident wellbeing. My leadership experience during graduate school and residency will serve as an excellent foundation to further develop and strengthen PARA.

The upcoming year will be challenging as we prepare for our next contract negotiation in addition to staying committed to the ongoing resident duty-hours debate. Indeed, it will provide us with an incredible opportunity to continue to discuss these important ideas openly and transparently.

I fully recognize the importance of nurturing and safeguarding the quality of medical education that is unique to each specialty. Furthermore, the maintenance of PARA's core values and goals during both of these priorities is vital. I believe that building a cohesive team that strives to foster and maintain strong relationships with stakeholders is essential to PARA's ability to effectively advocate for residents on issues affecting education, the work place and quality patient care.

Biography:

Born and raised in a physician family in Ukraine, I became familiar with aspects of the medical profession from an early age. After completing my undergraduate degree in Ukraine, I moved to Canada where I expanded my knowledge in Neuroscience during my graduate studies at the University of Calgary. I served as a graduate student representative at the Educational committee and further continued my advocacy for trainees as a PARA Board member during my first two years of residency at the University of Alberta. While devoting myself to my patients and colleagues, I enjoy spending time my family and friends.