

Board of Directors Election 2023



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We are pleased to
present ten candidates*
who are standing for election to
GlobalSkin's Board of Directors
this year

**in alphabetical order*

Please scroll down to learn about each candidate.

Gundula Koblmiller

Austrian Lung Union (Österreichische Lungenunion) – Board Director

Europe Region



Why do you want to be elected to GlobalSkin's Board of Directors?

I can provide personal insights and experiences and want to contribute to the change of care and access to care on a global basis. Understanding the needs of patients and caregivers is important to strategically work on solutions. Different health care systems need to grow together and support each other to guarantee equality within patients worldwide. I would like to contribute to supporting patient organisations to be successful with their strategic and operative goals within the Board of GlobalSkin. Managing changes in Healthcare always needs a top-down and bottom-up approach and individual tailor-made solutions for regions. Providing best-practice can show ways, next steps and confidence. I would like to engage at GlobalSkin to contribute to strategic and operative developments of the organisation and how to support patient organisations, also by emphasizing the need and value of patient organisations and positioning the role of POs into the healthcare system as an important part of patient care. Advocating for patient organisations globally needs organizations like GlobalSkin. Current developments in Healthcare systems and the pandemic experiences show the importance of patient organisations. Improving access to medicare in low- and middle-income countries is also an area for GlobalSkin to engage in.

What expertise and experience would you contribute to achieving GlobalSkin's mission in your role as a Board Director?

Elevate-Champion-Unite; My background in the pharmaceutical industry for more than 25 years with international responsibilities brings a lot of experience within medical, regulatory and healthcare issues. I have a University master's degree in Healthcare management along with state certificates as pharma consultant and sales representative. As Consultant, Manager and certified Coach and Trainer I am used to working with people and working in teams. Also, I am used to taking over responsibility and leadership. Engaging within patient organisations started early in the 90s at AIDS Care Austria for 2 years, understanding the needs and barriers of patients. Then I also engage with the Austrian Lung Union in patient-centered focus of pharmaceutical industries and understand differences in views and approaches. Looking for the best solution for the patients and bringing together as many stakeholders as necessary or possible could be one of my contributions. My experiences within international stakeholders in pharma and as Executive Director at GAAPP (14 months) will help me to manage the international and intercultural stage at GlobalSkin.

Gundula Koblmiller

Austrian Lung Union (Österreichische Lungenunion) – Board Director

Europe Region



What are your three strongest skill areas?

Program Development/Strategic Planning

Grant/Proposal Writing

Business Management

Describe any experience you have in working with and/or on Boards of Directors.

As Executive Director I worked with the Board of Directors of GAAPP (Global Allergy and Airways Patient Platform). I am a member of the Board at the Austria Lung Union (Patient organisation for airways and atopic diseases, allergy and lung cancer). I am working honorary as Treasurer. Since Summer 2021 I am full-time consultant for the Austrian Lung Union and in this role, I take over responsibility for fundraising and project management. I am also working on strategic and organisational development of the patient organization. I have been participating in other meetings with BoD with HCPs organisations.

What GlobalSkin events and initiatives have you participated in?

AGM 2021 and 2022; I received a World Atopic Eczema Day fund grant for patient initiative - Shared decision making in AD Therapy; participated in surveys GRIDD and other WAED activities. Participated in GlobalSkin and ILDS webinars; Virtual Panel Event: HTA Case Study

Michael Koehler

FAIM – Association for Autoimmune Diseases – Senior Director

Europe Region



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Why do you want to be elected to GlobalSkin’s Board of Directors?

I (FAIM) have been members for some years now, and we think that we can contribute with experience regarding multiple (skin)diseases.

What expertise and experience would you contribute to achieving GlobalSkin’s mission in your role as a Board Director?

Knowledge and Communications

What are your three strongest skill areas?

Communications/Public Relations

Not-for-profit Management

Advocacy/Outreach

Describe any experience you have in working with and/or on Boards of Directors.

I have, for many years, been a member of the Board of Directors in FAIM (Autoimmune Diseases).

What GlobalSkin events and initiatives have you participated in?

Participated in member needs survey (2023), questionnaires, webinars and GlobalSkin Conference (2019); GlobalSkin AGMs in 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022; virtual townhall by GlobalSkin and EADV on COVID-19

James Laban

Vitiligo Society of Kenya – Executive Secretary

Africa Region



Why do you want to be elected to GlobalSkin's Board of Directors?

I studied clinical medicine and surgery and even though this has very little to do with leadership studies, I have gained quite a lot of insight in leadership skills having held key positions in Vitiligo Society of Kenya since its inception in the year 2011. My goal of being the GlobalSkin board member is steered by a strong desire to bring a positive impact in the organization's leadership roles. In addition, I want to be part of the team that makes decisions that will drive the GlobalSkin to fulfilling its missions. At Vitiligo Society of Kenya, I currently serve in a position where I have similar responsibilities. I hope to bring this expertise and experience and continue to build on it as a GlobalSkin board member.

What expertise and experience would you contribute to achieving GlobalSkin's mission in your role as a Board Director?

Having been a full member of GlobalSkin for a number of years I understand its overall mission of alleviating the sufferings of persons burdened with rare skin conditions/diseases. I have had an experience spanning to a period of over 6 years working with the board of directors of our organization. With good teamwork skills, I have managed to help Vitiligo Society of Kenya with its milestone development from inception to its current status. At its infancy stages, with the help of other leadership, I helped to set up strategies that that have seen us grow in our advocacy and awareness-creation activities on a shoe-string budget. The hallmark of our success in achieving our mission has not been the financial muscle of our organization but is based on the ability to recruit volunteers who help with day-to-day operations and as such, if picked as GlobalSkin board member, I look forward to advancing the development of this organization through good strategies and teamwork.

James Laban

Vitiligo Society of Kenya – Executive Secretary

Africa Region



What are your three strongest skill areas?

Community Leadership

Program Development/Strategic Planning

Education/Training

Describe any experience you have in working with and/or on Boards of Directors.

I have worked with board of directors for quite some time and some of the experiences I have gained include learning to accommodate other people's views and that is only possible because I see things from a multitude of different points of view. I have a greater emotional intelligence in dealing with divergent views and conflicts in ideology. Of interest also is my abilities in decision making as well as influencing policies to the greater good of the organization. I'm confident to speak to what would be to the greater good to the community that I represent.

What GlobalSkin events and initiatives have you participated in?

I haven't had much opportunity to involve myself in GlobalSkin activities though I have participated in the Member Needs Assessment Surveys. Latest survey (2022). Participated in GRIDD and Digital Advocacy workshops. In 2015, I petitioned the National Council for Persons with Disability to register persons with vitiligo and to provide aid in form of sunscreen lotion. In 2015 Kenya held its first World Vitiligo Day celebration which was my initiative and so it has been continuing on a yearly basis. Since inception, Vitiligo Society of Kenya has collaborated with other like-minded organizations like Vitiligo Research Foundation (USA), Vitiligo Support Foundation (Nigeria) amongst others.

David McMahon

Irish Skin Foundation - CEO

Europe Region



Why do you want to be elected to GlobalSkin's Board of Directors?

I would like to continue to contribute and guide the work of GlobalSkin as the organisation matures, grows in ambition and increases its membership.

What expertise and experience would you contribute to achieving GlobalSkin's mission in your role as a Board Director?

I am a long-time board member of GlobalSkin, I have been CEO of the Irish Skin Foundation since 2017 (an organisation that works with people with many different skin conditions) and have experience with other charities and non-governmental organisations in the healthcare area.

What are your three strongest skill areas?

Governance

Healthcare Admin/Policy

Not-for-profit Management

Describe any experience you have in working with and/or on Boards of Directors.

Board member: Global Skin 2016 to today; Irish Skin Foundation 2017 to today; Irish Platform for Patient Organisations, Science, and Industry 2019-23.

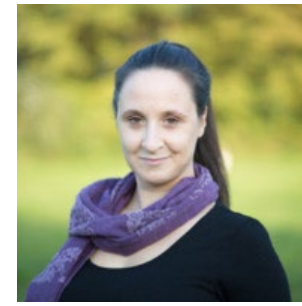
What GlobalSkin events and initiatives have you participated in?

Current GlobalSkin Board Treasurer, Chair of GlobalSkin's Governance Committee and led it through its mission of aligning GlobalSkin with government legislation, attended GlobalSkin AGMs, participated in townhalls on COVID-19, attended Europe Community webinars.

Tina Mesarič

Institute Atopika – Founder and Executive Director

Europe Region



Why do you want to be elected to GlobalSkin's Board of Directors?

Working with GlobalSkin has been a great opportunity to gain many new insights, experiences, good friends and opportunities. As a patient with a severe case of atopic dermatitis, I am passionate about sharing my knowledge and personal experiences to help patients improve their quality of life. I believe in the power of education, sharing and building bridges between different stakeholders. If elected to the board, I would like to help implement long-term goals and policies and participate in strategic planning and decision-making. I would also like to learn and develop new skills to support patients around the world and nationally.

What expertise and experience would you contribute to achieving GlobalSkin's mission in your role as a Board Director?

My background is in life sciences, healthcare, intellectual property rights, and knowledge transfer between academia and industry. With my understanding of the needs of patients, one of my greatest tasks is to fulfill my longstanding mission to establish and operate an NGO by patients for patients. The best expertise and experience I can offer is multi-stakeholder communication, patient engagement, organization building and project management.

Tina Mesarič

Institute Atopika – Founder and Executive Director

Europe Region



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What are your strongest skill areas?

Not-for-profit Management

Event Planning

Community Leadership

Advocacy/Outreach

Healthcare Admin/Policy

Describe any experience you have in working with and/or on Boards of Directors.

This would be my first experience of working in the Board of Directors.

What GlobalSkin events and initiatives have you participated in?

2019 GlobalSkin Conference Participant in Milano, GRIDD Workshop Milan, E-Learning Fundraising Series, Atopic Eczema Community Mobilization Workshop, we participated in GlobalSkin documentary - atopic eczema, collaboration with Atopic eczema days, panelist at GlobalSkin-Europe community forum expert panel, member of Atopic Eczema Advisory Committee, member of GlobalSkin-Europe Patient Leader Advisory Committee, GlobalSkin Member Impact Fund awardee

Noel Mudibo

Pemphigus Africa Trust – Executive Director/CEO

Africa Region



Why do you want to be elected to GlobalSkin's Board of Directors?

I have the capability to address key objectives of GlobalSkin. I am in position to help GlobalSkin achieve its mission and vision in Africa. And most importantly pemphigus and pemphigoid is under-represented in Africa.

What expertise and experience would you contribute to achieving GlobalSkin's mission in your role as a Board Director?

I am very good in advocacy and outreach; I have 12 years of experience in doing health-related charity work and I have been doing advocacy in Africa for the last five years.

What are your strongest skill areas?

Advocacy/Outreach

Describe any experience you have in working with and/or on Boards of Directors.

I have been doing research on various pemphigus- and pemphigoid-related topics in preparation to present to Board of Directors of Pemphigus Africa.

What GlobalSkin events and initiatives have you participated in?

I participated in GlobalSkin Africa Roundtable meeting where GlobalSkin CEO met with Africa-based patient leaders. At the moment, I am preparing to attend the GlobalSkin Conference in Brussels. Attended the GlobalSkin-IFPA Workshop Series: Practical Solutions to Strengthening Your Organization.

Ghulam Mustafa

Helping Hands Foundation – CEO

Eastern Mediterranean Region



Why do you want to be elected to GlobalSkin's Board of Directors?

I aspire to provide the best possible care to all the people with atopic dermatitis, especially the people of lesser lot by virtue of geography, race or religion.

What expertise and experience would you contribute to achieving GlobalSkin's mission in your role as a Board Director?

Having spent around 30 years in caring for children with skin problems and atopic dermatitis in the resource-poor settings and providing care to the patients through Government (Chairman & Professor of Pediatrics at a public university/hospital) and Charity set-up (Helping Hands Foundation), I have an immense experience in grooming Government relations, Community Leadership and Health-care delivery.

What are your three strongest skill areas?

Community Leadership

Healthcare Admin/Policy

Government Relations/Political Acumen

Describe any experience you have in working with and/or on Boards of Directors.

Dr Mustafa has worked as Chairman Department of Pediatrics at the Nishtar Medical University and Hospital, Multan, Pakistan. He is Founder and CEO of the Helping Hands Foundation, Pakistan, a not-for-profit Organization that works for the Education, Health and Community Empowerment.

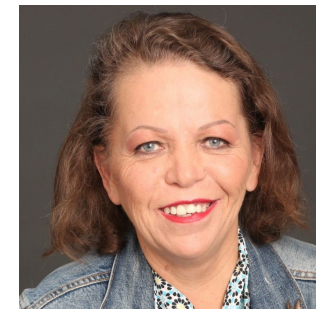
What GlobalSkin events and initiatives have you participated in?

World Atopic Eczema Day Fund 2022, Global Impact Fund 2023, participation in upcoming ELEVATE 2023, was awarded ISAD 2022 travel bursary

Orit Rindner

Gorlin Syndrome Association – Founder

Europe Region



Why do you want to be elected to GlobalSkin's Board of Directors?

I have a passion for making a positive impact on the lives of those affected by rare skin diseases, and I believe that by serving on the Board of Directors, I can help to drive important initiatives, raise awareness, and advocate for those who are often overlooked. My dedication and commitment to this cause is admirable, and I am confident that with my expertise and experience, I can make a meaningful difference in the lives of those who need it most.

What expertise and experience would you contribute to achieving GlobalSkin's mission in your role as a Board Director?

If I was to be elected to the Board of Directors, I imagine that I would bring a unique set of skills and experiences that would be valuable in helping to achieve GlobalSkin's mission. I have expertise in healthcare, policy, and advocacy that would allow me to contribute to the organization's initiatives in a meaningful way. Additionally, my passion for the cause and dedication to making a positive impact would be an invaluable asset to the organization. By serving on the Board of Directors, I would have the opportunity to collaborate with other experts in the field, share my ideas and insights, and work together to achieve the organization's goals. I have no doubt that my contributions would be greatly appreciated and that I would make a significant impact on the organization's efforts to improve the lives of those affected by rare skin diseases.

Orit Rindner

Gorlin Syndrome Association – Founder
Europe Region



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What are your three strongest skill areas?

Advocacy/Outreach

Communications/Public Relations

Event Planning

Describe any experience you have in working with and/or on Boards of Directors.

I serve on the Israel Coalition of Rare Disease. I am involved in all the major events to talk to media, i.e., television, newspapers, and radio talk shows. I possess a variety of skills, including strong communication and interpersonal skills, strategic thinking abilities, financial literacy, and experience in areas related to the organization's mission.

What GlobalSkin events and initiatives have you participated in?

Due to the distance and COVID I have not been able to participate in many in-person events, but I will be attending the conference in Brussels. Participated in GlobalSkin Workshop Series, virtual townhalls on COVID-19, and Members E-Learning.

Maya Tulpule

Shweta Association – Founder/President

South-East Asia Region



Why do you want to be elected to GlobalSkin's Board of Directors?

I have Vitiligo since the age of 10 years. Despite receiving best available treatment I got totally depigmented at the age of 48. I have good family support, got educated in medical field, I am economically self sufficient, so my quality of life was very good despite suffering from vitiligo.

In India, vitiligo has social taboo leading to lot of discrimination, social segregation, difficulties in getting jobs and getting married. After going through the lifetime experience of vitiligo and getting totally depigmented I wanted to work for the people like me and to help those unfortunate people who do not have good opportunities in life.

What expertise and experience would you contribute to achieving GlobalSkin's mission in your role as a Board Director?

I am a doctor and vitiligo patient, so I can understand the skin disease from medical perspective and from patient's angle. This has helped me to work with better understanding and focus on the subject. That's why we could start multi dimensional activities for the patients of vitiligo to improve their quality of life right from the inception of the Shweta Association. I am associated with many institutions in organisational capacity for the last three decades.

Maya Tulpule

Shweta Association – Founder/President
South-East Asia Region



What are your three strongest skill areas?

Advocacy
Public Relations
Event Planning

Describe any experience you have in working with and/or on Boards of Directors.

Managing Committee Member Indian Medical Association for 16 years
President Indian Medical Association 2013-14
Board Member Vitiligo International Patient Organization Committee from 2018
Vice President VIPOC 2020
President and Founder Shweta Association, Vitiligo support group India since 2001

What GlobalSkin events and initiatives have you participated in?

GlobalSkin conferences attended at Vancouver 2015, Geneva 2017, Milan 2019. Registered to attend upcoming conference in Brussels.

Murray Turner

Psoriasis Australia - CEO
Western Pacific Region



Why do you want to be elected to GlobalSkin's Board of Directors?

Being a person who also suffers from a skin disease, I believe that it is important that a Board of Directors is made up of professionally qualified individuals with varying skin conditions that have the relevant skills to assist in strengthening and driving an organisation forward and to the next level. GlobalSkin in its short history has become the leading organisation representing the interests of patient organisations relating to skin disease in the international medical and health community. I want to become a member of the GlobalSkin Board of Directors because I believe in the organisation, have the legal and governance skills, not-for-profit management and personal skin disease history that is relevant to the needs of GlobalSkin.

What expertise and experience would you contribute to achieving GlobalSkin's mission in your role as a Board Director?

Having been a lawyer who worked at one of Australia's top-tier law firms, I represented 40 of Australia's top 50 companies, where I was responsible for the management of a variety of cases including a \$4bn sale of one of Australia's iconic businesses, multi-million-dollar shareholder class actions, international environmental disasters and contract disputes involving governments, corporations, and individuals. As a result of my professional career, I can bring extensive professional experience to the GlobalSkin Board, including legal, governance, not-for-profit management, strategy, international government negotiation skills, and public relations management having been required to perform many of the above during my professional career.

Murray Turner

Psoriasis Australia - CEO
Western Pacific Region



What are your strongest skill areas?

Governance
Legal

Describe any experience you have in working with and/or on Boards of Directors.

I have worked with many Boards; this has included being a board member and advisor. My current role sees me reporting to my own board of directors. I have been a delegate at a state, national and international board level, where I have been a delegate to the Australian Olympic Committee, a delegate of an International Sporting Organisation and a member of numerous steering committees relating to strategy development and financial and risk management. In addition, due to my legal experience, I have acted as Secretary to a variety of Boards.

What GlobalSkin events and initiatives have you participated in?

2017, 2019 GlobalSkin Conferences, Global Skin Strategic Planning Committee, Global Skin Finance and Risk Management Committee, Presenter of Strategic Planning workshop. Attended 2020, 2022 GlobalSkin AGMs.