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I have admired the AAGL since my time as a resident back in the 90s and later as an Ob Gyn, as I believe this organization has truly managed to overcome the challenges and continuously renew itself. And I have had the honor and privilege to serve this organization and my colleagues from several positions, including various SIG and committees, as chair of the International AAGL congress, as a board member, and for the last 4 years as the program director of the first international FMIGs and as Chair for the FMIGS International Committee.

All the work I have done during these 20 years both in the AAGL and in many other national and international organizations has allowed me to recognize the challenges and to realize what not only physicians but also patients need in terms of access to technology, continuing medical education, patients' safety, and social commitment.

Currently there is no doubt that the AAGL is the leading organization in training and construction and dissemination of knowledge in gynecological surgery around the world. Recent elections of international members show how this organization is committed with having a truly global sense and sends a strong message of inclusion.

I offer my experience, commitment, integrity, fairness, and hard work. I am sure I will bring ideas to guarantee growth and consolidation, to increase International Membership, to develop effective international educational programs, and to contribute to the international representation at the AAGL Board level.

I truly thank the AAGL for considering me and I look forward to continued service to this organization and my colleagues around the world.