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## IMPORTANT NOTICE

Dear ESCA members,

Patsy Allen, President of ESCA for three terms of office, has informed the committee that she will not be standing for re-election this year.

For six years Patsy has steered ESCA from a small support group to a well-respected organization of almost 200 members. In 2009 ESCA helped over 65 cancer patients and their loved ones through individual support and our volunteers spent more than 6000 hours helping cancer patients both directly and indirectly through our various activities. We have helped inform the public about cancer issues and also participated in courses for doctors, nurses and pharmacists to help them see cancer from a patient's perspective. We are represented on several Swiss cancer committees and are now well known within the medical community. We have more than proven our value within the English-speaking and local communities, largely due to the outstanding leadership and dedication of Patsy.

We are very proud that we have accomplished this as an all-volunteer organization, a status that we would very much like to maintain. So we are asking you now to come forward and help us do what we do best: working together to make 2010 even better!

Because of the exponential growth of the organization and the consequent heavy demands on the President, the ESCA Committee has decided to take this opportunity to restructure the elected positions in order to share the workload more equitably. Indeed, for the past two years Patsy has been working without the support of a Vice-President, as well as coordinating the PADDLEforCANCER fundraiser, without which ESCA would not be able to function. We are delighted that Patsy has agreed to continue as Coordinator of PADDLEforCANCER, a demanding job on its own.

We therefore invite you to nominate and elect a new President and three Vice-Presidents: External Relations, Support and Volunteers. We feel this will relieve some of the burden of the President's position by creating a strong team effort that will be more manageable on a part-time volunteer basis.

**We are looking for immediate nominations (with their permission, of course!) to fill the posts of President, VP External Relations, VP Support and VP Volunteers. These nominations will then be put to vote during the AGM on March 23.**

The positions have detailed job descriptions, for more information, please contact us at [info@cancersupport.ch](mailto:info@cancersupport.ch).

Working for ESCA is a deeply fulfilling job for anyone who is willing to commit the time and

energy towards a meaningful profession. Interested persons need to have outstanding interpersonal and managerial skills, and working with ESCA is an excellent opportunity both to keep up skills and of course learn new ones! The new posts will have the full support of a dedicated and efficiently functioning committee.

With our very best regards,

The ESCA Committee

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