Dear BALR Committee Members,

I am applying for the position of Ordinary Member on the BALR Committee. I am a Career Development Fellow and Laboratory Leader at the CAMS Oxford Institute, University of Oxford. My research focuses on translational respiratory immunology, with a particular interest in infection. Through the TORPIDS programme, I have led studies using patient samples to investigate pleural infection, bacteria, immune responses and links with patient outcomes.

If elected, I would bring my committee experience to planning and delivering BALR's annual conference. I would help shape a programme that gives respiratory immunology and infection a strong place, and brings laboratory, clinical and translational researchers together. I would also support workshops and other activities where members can share methods, build collaborations and discuss new research.

My committee experience includes the CAMS Oxford Institute Management and Training Committees and the British Thoracic Society Science and Research Committee. These roles have helped me understand how committees can support research and training. I would use that experience to contribute to BALR's development, listen to members' needs and help turn ideas into useful activities. I would also encourage early-career researchers to present their work and take part in the annual conference and other BALR events.

I would bring a practical and committed approach to the role: preparing for meetings, taking on agreed tasks and following them through. I would welcome the opportunity to help BALR strengthen its research community, support collaboration and raise the profile of respiratory research, especially in infection and immunology.

Thank you for considering my application.

Yours sincerely,

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