

APPLICATION FOR THE AESOP GPEAN REPRESENTATIVE

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Motivation Statement

For the past 12 years I have been representing my university along with the other AESOP member schools of planning in Turkey at the CoRep. I have attended annual congresses and Heads of Schools Meetings, witnessing the growth of AESOP and the diversification of its activities.

It was three years ago, after METU was given the task of hosting the AESOP2012 Ankara Congress, that I really began to work closely with the AESOP community and found myself becoming more involved, enthusiastic and eager about its events, particularly the quality and impact of its activities. I have thoroughly enjoyed playing a role in a major AESOP event and in some way contributing to the functioning and further development of the organisation.

The growing popularity of AESOP congresses is testament to the fact that AESOP activities have now become truly global events, attracting a high number of scholars from around the world and having a real global impact. The post of Global Planning Education Association Network representative in this regard is both exciting and challenging, with the above factors playing a key role in its growing strategic importance.

I am applying for the post of AESOP GPEAN representative because I feel I can contribute to the further strengthening of this Association's activities, functions and worldwide recognition and reputation, and I am willing to devote my time and energy to this end. It must be said that the support and the sense of teamwork I have so far experienced within the AESOP community plays no small part in my motivation to work for the Association.