

PROFILE OF:

Jana ZODZIKA

(candidate for the position of President-Elect)



Dr. Jana Zodzika is the founder and former president of the Latvian Colposcopy Society. She has played a pivotal role in establishing modern colposcopy standards in Latvia and has been deeply involved in developing the national cervical cancer screening and HPV vaccination programs. She continues to actively support and promote advancements in these programs, including the transition to primary HPV-based screening, the introduction of gender-neutral vaccination, and the adoption of the nonavalent HPV vaccine.

Dr. Zodzika serves as an Associate Professor at Riga Stradiņš University and is the Head of the residency program in medicine “Gynecologist, Obstetrician.” She also leads the Gynecology Department at Riga East University Hospital, which includes a colposcopy center staffed by seven specialists who perform approximately 6000 colposcopies annually.

Over the past four years, Dr. Zodzika has served as EFC Secretary General, gaining valuable experience in leadership, strategic planning, and international collaboration. She was also a co-president of the 10th EFC Congress in Riga in 2023. These roles have given her deep insight into the organization and positioned her well to ensure continuity and to lead effectively as President-Elect.

Her outstanding organizational and communication skills, extensive experience in national cervical cancer prevention strategies, active collaboration with stakeholders, and leadership in both clinical and academic settings, will be valuable in the future of EFC.