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Dear Paolo Corradini.

It has been nearly a year since we all woke up to the news of Russia's terrible invasion of Ukraine. Since then, EHA has sought to make a difference where it can in this exceptional humanitarian crisis, by supporting the Ukrainian Hematology Society, hematologists and patients, in addition to donating to the general international aid effort. Today I would like to share a new initiative with you: the **Ukraine Bridge Funding program**.

This humanitarian program focuses on Ukrainian hematologists and researchers in hematology. It works as follows:

- · EHA funds 5 positions at PhD or post-doctoral level for one year
- · Salaries will match what a local candidate at the same level would earn
- · Following the one-year period, the funding is subject to renewal
- · The selected candidates return to Ukraine after the conflict

You can play a valuable part in our efforts by spreading the word. Please forward the program to any potential candidates, and, just as importantly, to your lab or institution. That way, if a potential candidate contacts your lab or institution, and their application is accepted by EHA, they know the funding is available.

We have focused on making the process simple with application forms designed to ensure eligibility rather than extensive assessment. We welcome applications from any PhD or post-doctoral level Ukrainian hematologist or scientist, and we invite any lab or institution in Europe to take part. Should you have any questions, our dedicated mailbox (<u>ukrainebridgefunding@ehaweb.org</u>) is set up to deal with queries quickly.

Applications are open now. Details and simple application forms can be found here.

Thank you very much in advance for your support.

Kind regards,

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