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Dear Professor Dafinoiu,

I am writing this letter to express my interest in being designated as representative of the Romanian College of Psychologists to the European Federation Psychological Association (EFPA) Standing Committee on Disaster, Crisis and Trauma Psychology. This position offers many experiences which I am looking for, in order to share my knowledge acquired in different international representation, teaching and research positions. At the same time, I could contribute in a variety of challenging occasions with my skills as field operational psychologist in dealing with crisis, armed conflicts, trauma and stressor related disorders. Therefore, I have been very impressed with the opportunities that would be afforded to me within the Committee, in order to contribute, voluntarily, to the development of our professional community.

Being a licensed military clinical psychologist, I had the chance to participate in several international training stages in Crisis and Disaster Mental Health Intervention, as well as in SERE (Survival, Evasion, Resistance, Escape) Psychology. Intensive international activities in the applied psychology, mainly in operational psychology, and mental health operational focused activities have been a focal interest for me during five NATO deployments, as field psychologist, in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo or Afghanistan. Consequently, I planned, coordinated, and executed, together with Civil Affairs Teams, and local community agents, psychological support for war victims, refugees and displaced persons, offering mainly psychological first aid and crisis intervention. I also planned and coordinated major educational programs for local communities, as commander of Information Operations and Psychological Operations, in support of human rights, gender equality, hostage situations, armed robberies, and sexual violence victims. Additionally, I coordinated the psychological support for the victims of Colectiv nightclub fire, in the Central Military Hospital, which I strongly believe enhanced both my clinical skills, and the opportunity to interact with patients after traumatic events in order to become a more proficient leader for care givers in the field of mental health.

I have been actively involved in professional regulation of the field of crisis intervention and trauma support within NATO Science and Technology Organization and the Romanian Ministry of National Defense, where I serve as senior researcher and Commander of the National Military Center for Psychology and Behavioral Health. In this respect I have contributed to the development of several NATO standards (e.g. STANAG 7196 on SERE Psychology) and national standard operating procedures (e.g. resilience training and operational stress control, critical incidents management, crisis and disaster intervention, operational trauma and stress support, SERE psychology training and reintegration etc.).

As a result, I have published several books, operational guides and book chapters, such as: *Resilience and clinical issues in survival behavior under Isolation and Captivity* (in press, In Handbook of Military Psychology and Mental Health, Routledge, Taylor & Francis Group); *Operational guide for SERE psychologists* (in press, ASCR); *Supervised practice in evidence-based clinical psychology* (2017, ASCR); *Crisis intervention and psychological first aid* (2016, CTEA); *The Psychology of Suicide Martyrdom in Afghanistan and Implications for PsyOps* (2017, In Military Psychology and Leadership Development, Rawat Publications). For a complete list, see the attached curriculum vitae. Many of my published works serve as guidelines within the Romanian military and in some other armed forces (e.g. India and Spain, where I published/gave presentations in English and/or Spanish). Additionally, in the last eight years I have had the opportunity of teaching students in the field of clinical psychology and critical incidents stress management. Throughout my experience at University of Bucharest and NATO School, I balanced teaching activities with practical skills as clinical and operational psychologist and leader of the military psychology field.

Based upon my international representation experience, I believe I would make an excellent fit for the Standing Committee on Disaster, Crisis and Trauma Psychology. I am a hard worker with great time management skills, and I show great dedication to mental health care. Since 2014, I have become the national representative for mental health to NATO Center of Excellence for Military Medicine, and since 2015 I am an active member of the Research Task Group on Sexual Violence within the Human Factors and Medicine Panel of NATO Science and Technology Agency. In addition, I am the president of the Romanian Society for Military Psychology and member of several national and international professional bodies like the International Military Testing Association, the Romanian Association for Cognitive and Behavioral Psychotherapies, the Romanian College of Psychologists, and the Romanian Psychological Association.

My curriculum vitae is enclosed for your review. Please let me know if there is any additional information I can provide. Thank you for considering my candidacy.

Sincerely,  
Vasile Marineanu, PhD