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**RE: Application to the position of Councillor of the European Society of Cardiology
for the term 2024-2026**

Dear Stephan,

I submit my application to the position of ESC Councillor for the term 2024-2026
with great enthusiasm.

My relationship with the ESC started almost thirty years ago when I founded the WG
on Coronary Pathophysiology and Microcirculation. Then I continued my activity
within ESC as member of the Education Committee and of the Congress Program
Committee and as co-author of various Guidelines.

More recently, I had the privilege to be nominated EiC of the EHJ and Chairman of
the Publications Committee. As EiC I created the largest Editorial Board ever, well
balanced regarding sex and geography with a global reach. The pleasant and
constructive atmosphere within the Editorial Board as well as the launch of several
innovative features have probably played a key role in allowing to almost double the
Impact Factor of the EHJ in the past three years.

Over the years, I tried my best to contribute to the outstanding image of ESC in the
world. In the more than thirty joint sessions with the EHJ, organized every year in the
main congresses across the world, I had the opportunity to verify the success and
the enthusiasm generated by ESC in several geographical regions. These joint
sessions have been organized with the substantial contribution of Co-Editors, who
are the ambassadors of the EHJ in the five continents. This global reach of ESC and of
EHJ is an asset which should be not only preserved but further expanded in the
future.

While on the one hand I have done my best to contribute to the success of ESC, on
the other I am sincerely grateful to ESC for the opportunity to meet many
outstanding colleagues who have substantially contributed to my cultural and
professional growth. Giving to the Society and taking from the Society has generated

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a positive feedback which reinforces my desire to further expand my commitment to ESC. I hope that as Councillor I can be of benefit to ESC with my enthusiasm, with the experience gained in the past thirty years, with my attitude for innovation and inclusivity demonstrated as EiC of the EHJ in the past three years. Although I am already member of the ESC board ex officio, the position of Councillor would offer me the opportunity to contribute more directly to the success of the ESC.

In case of election, I will properly manage any board discussion where a conflict of interest could be perceived in line with what I am currently doing as ex officio member of the ESC Board.

Best regards.

Filippo Crea