

Application for membership on the Nominating Committee of the European Society of Cardiology

My application to serve on the Nominating Committee of the *European Society of Cardiology* is motivated by my ambition to continue to contribute to the development of cardiology in Europe by offering my experience and expertise to the society for the key task of finding its future leaders.

For nearly two decades, I have been intimately involved in international cardiology and imaging societies, including the *European Society of Cardiology*. I was a nucleus member and later chairman of the ESC Working Group on CMR from 2008 to 2014. Jointly with the President of the then *European Association of Echocardiography* and the *Working Group on Nuclear/CT*, I led the Task Force that formed the Multi-modality European Association of Cardiovascular Imaging in 2014 and served as one of its Vice-President for the next 2 years. In parallel we created the *European Heart Journal – Cardiovascular Imaging* as the multi-modality successor to the *European Journal of Echocardiography* and I have served as Senior Associate Editors of EHJ-CI since its foundation. Both endeavours have changed the landscape of cardiovascular imaging in Europe and have proven courageous, visionary and hugely successful steps. I have also served on the ESC Congress Programme Committee for 3 years, set up the first ESC core syllabus and certification process for cardiac MRI and am one of the editors of the European Textbook on cardiac MRI. Last year, I had the honour of serving as the President of the global Society for Cardiovascular Magnetic Resonance and as Immediate Past President I have chaired the SCMR 2023 nominating committee. I am now eager to return to my European roots.

Through my own experience, I appreciate the central role of the nominating committee in a society's life cycle and its importance in selecting the future leaders of the society. In my 20 years of service to international cardiovascular societies, I have gained intricate knowledge of societal processes, led international consensus efforts, worked closely with hundreds of other experts in the field and developed a wide net of professional contacts. I understand the importance of and have vast experience in working with constituents from different specialty and geographic backgrounds such as National Societies and have learned how to be considerate to their needs and expectations. This experience puts me in a strong position to identify and adjudicate potential candidates for future ESC roles. I therefore believe that I can make a valuable contribution to this committee and hope that my application will be considered.

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