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

Dear Stephan,

With enthusiasm I submit the letter of motivation for my application as ESC Councillor for the term 2024-2026.

My relationship with the ESC started almost 20 years ago as nucleus member of the Working Group on Aorta and Peripheral Vascular Diseases (2005-2010). In parallel, I took on roles within EAPCI as member (2008), co-chairman (2009-2011) and chairman (2012-2014) of the Scientific Program Committee. From the very beginning, I was very much interested in contributing to congresses and I was fortunate enough to serve for a decade as Scientific Program Committee member of EuroPCR (2009-2019) as well as ESC Congress Programme Committee (CPC) member (2011-2020). Thereafter, I had the immense privilege to be appointed as CPC chair for two ESC congresses: the 2019 congress in Paris was a record-breaking edition with 33'510 registered participants from 151 countries; and the 2020 "The Digital Experience" edition, during the COVID pandemic, a landmark event with 125'300 online registered participants. Particularly during those 2 years as CPC chair, I had to opportunity to appreciate the professionalism and the efficiency of both volunteers and ESC staff. For my delight, I was asked to serve again as CPC member responsible for the industry sponsored programme for the 2023 Amsterdam edition of the ESC congress.

Furthermore, the ESC gave me the opportunity to develop my interest in summarizing/spreading knowledge for better patient care. I'm very grateful to the society for having been able to serve as member of Committee for Practice Guidelines (2014-2020) and as member of the Task Forces for the ESC guidelines

on peripheral artery disease (2011 and 2017), non-cardiac surgery (2014), aortic diseases (2014), STEMI (2017), DAPT (2017), diabetes (2019) and COVID-19 (2020-2021). The opportunity to act as Task Force chairman of the 2015 ESC NSTEMI-ACS guidelines remains one of the highlights of my career.

Over the years, I tried my best to contribute to the excellent image that our society carries throughout the world, among other as member of the Committee for Global Scientific Activities (2014-2022) and as ESC Ambassador for the Middle East and India (2018-2022). On several occasions, I was amazed by the affection that affiliated cardiac societies throughout the world have for the ESC. In the perspective of further contributing to the activities of the society, I accepted with enthusiasm in 2022 the position as co-editor for Western Europe of the *European Heart Journal*.

Looking back at the years spent with the ESC, the most enriching experience for me was the encounter with fantastic people, both colleagues from every part of the world as well as ESC staff. My experiences with the society have contributed to the desire to further commit. I believe that my track record in multiples domains of the ESC/associations/WGs, my network of colleagues and friends within and outside Europe, together with my fluency in four languages (Italian, German, French and English) and my non-conflictual as well as caring personality will be of benefit for the ESC.

Enclosed the letters of support from the Swiss Society of Cardiology, EAPCI, and the Working Group on Aorta and Peripheral Vascular Diseases.

I thank you Stephan and the committee for considering my application.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need further information.

Best regards

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