



Elections of the European Association of Heart Rhythm(EHRA) Board 2009-2011



**Application for the following position in the
EHRA Board: *Elected President***



YOUR IDENTITY

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GENERAL CV (300 words max)

I was born in Italy on 24th of August 1960. I am married and have 3 children. I am fluent in Italian, English and German languages.

I graduated at the University of Naples in 1985 where I also specialized in Cardiology in 1989. I did part of my training in Cardiology and Clinical Electrophysiology at Medical School, University of Hannover under the supervision of Prof. Paul Lichtlen and Helmut Klein (1987-1991), and later, in 1994, I completed it with Prof. Pedro Brugada, in Aalst, Belgium. From 1991 to 1994, I was attending physician at the Department of Cardiac Surgery, "Tor Vergata" University of Rome, and from 1994 until 2005 I was director of the cardiac catheterization and electrophysiological laboratory at Medical School, University of Magdeburg, Germany. Since 2006, I am director of the electrophysiology and heart failure program at Fondazione Cardiocentro Ticino, Lugano, Switzerland.

I am Ph.D. in cardiovascular physiology (Medical School "Tor Vergata" in Rome, Italy), and since 2008 professor in cardiology at university of Magdeburg, Germany. Since 2006 I am part-time professor at the Division of Cardiology, University of Insubria, Varese, Italy and at the Division of Cardiology, University of L'Aquila, Italy.

In 1991, I have been awarded with the Young Investigator by North American Society of Pacing and Electrophysiology (NASPE), and in 2005 with the Fritz Acker Award by the German Society of Cardiology.

I served as chair of several randomized controlled studies, including PATH-CHF I and II, PACMAN, and CLEPSYDRA trials.

I am serving the editorial board of the Journal of the American College of Cardiology, European Journal of Heart Failure, Europace, Journal of Cardiovascular Electrophysiology and Journal of Interventional Electrophysiology. I perform regular review activities for Circulation, Journal of the American College of Cardiology, European Heart Journal, and Europace.

Previous experience in EHRA or ESC or your National Bodies?

From 2004 to 2005, I served as member for the Working Group on Cardiac Pacing of the European Society of Cardiology. I served from 2005 to 2007 as Chairman of the Scientific Initiative Committee of the European Heart Rhythm Association (EHRA). I am currently the Chairman of the Scientific Documents Committee of the European Heart Rhythm Association, Member of the Training and Research Grant Committee of the European Society of Cardiology, and Member of Committee for Practice Guidelines of the European Society of Cardiology.

I served as a member of the Task Force for European Society of Cardiology Guidelines for Cardiac Pacing and Cardiac Resynchronization Therapy (2005), as chair of the European Heart Rhythm Association Cardiac Rhythm Management Product Performance Task Force (2006), and, more recently (2007-2008), as co-chair of a joint Heart Rhythm Society and European Heart Rhythm Association initiative on Expert Consensus Statement on Cardiac Device Monitoring: Description of Techniques, Indications, Personnel, Responsibilities, and Frequency.

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2. Yu CM, Hayes DA, **Auricchio A**: Cardiac Resynchronization Therapy. Blackwell, 2008, 2nd Edition
3. Ellenbogen K, **Auricchio A**: Pacing to Support the Failing Heart. The AHA serie. Wiley-Blackwell 2008.

Why are you interested in joining the EHRA Board (150 words max)?

Working for EHRA, I have had the chance to appreciate the importance of supporting a European Association dedicated to arrhythmias and electrophysiology. I am firmly convinced that the Association can further grow becoming a strong European leading organization to serve and assist doctors, nurses, technicians, administrators, and industry involved in the field of rhythm management, from basic research to bedside, in order to improve the care given to patients suffering from cardiac arrhythmias. The Association should further express its commitment to young scientists and physicians in the field of electrophysiology by promoting training, fellowship, and educational activities. Furthermore, there is a great need to have an Association within the European Society of Cardiology that represents the interests of the European arrhythmological community, favouring and coordinating the exchange of information with National Societies and political authorities related to arrhythmias and electrophysiology.