## **Motivation Letter**

It is an honor and great pleasure for me to apply as a nominee for the position of Councilor of the ESC. I am Currently the Chairman of Cardiology Department, Cairo University, one of the oldest and Prestigious universities in the Middle East. My special interest is heart failure, interventional cardiology and valvular heart diseases. I am leading the specialty of heart failure in my country and the region I succeeded in disseminating the concept of heart failure clinic in all institutions in Egypt, in addition to leading the project of Peptide for Life in our country in collaboration with the HFA, ESC.

I have been involved in many international trials such as ISCHEMIA trial and EXAMINE trial.

I have leadership experience as a past president of the Egyptian society of cardiology, the society which established on 1951 and joined the ESC on 1965. During my presidency, I had a lot of achievements and succeeded in connecting the society to all international societies around the globe. I have acquired a wide network of contacts in ESC countries and the US/Canada My leadership succeeded in handling people under pressure and motivating people to work hard and see opportunities.

I am working closely with young fellows and promoting young representation in congresses. I supported the applications of young doctors for the ESC fellowship. In addition, I worked on the gender balance in our society congresses and contributed to creation of an excellent group of women to be speakers and chairpersons.

I am deeply involved in the ESC community for many years, I have been nominated as Board member of the HFA (2022-2022), member of the committee of CPG (2020-2022), and currently Co-chairing the educational committee of the HFA, ESC, member of the educational and accreditation committees of ESC (2022-2024).

I supported some National Societies from the region such as Tunisian cardiac society to have a good representation in the ESC and facilitated a strong collaboration with the ESC. Also, I created an annual HF meeting, the PAN ARAB HF Congress in collaboration with the HFA, ESC, the first event was held in Dubai 2022 and the last one in Egypt October 2023.

I am looking for involving the National cardiac societies more within the ESC activities, I have a good relationship with many NCS, so we can discuss the gaps and working together under the leadership of ESC to serve the ESC mission.

We should work hard on advocacy; we must expand ongoing activities to interact with decision-makers and politicians. Patient representation is essential to reach our goal

The Middle East and Africa represent an important region for the ESC and it is essential to include them in the board of the ESC to assure diversity in the representation of all regions in the Board. I will work hard to increase the visibility of the ESC in all the countries in the region.

Finally, If I elected to the position of Councilor, I *will serve the ESC Mission "to reduce the burden of cardiovascular disease" and contribute to the implementation of the ESC strategic plan to the best of my ability. I will respect the code of conduct and the ESC board policies.* 

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