

## Motivation Letter of Pr. Victor Aboyans, for candidacy for a position of Councillor.

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Dear Colleagues,

It is with a respectful spirit and good will for our European Society of Cardiology that I apply my candidacy for a position of Councillor for the upcoming elections.

I am a clinical cardiologist, head of department of cardiology in my university hospital and professor of cardiology in my university in Limoges, France.

My main fields of interest and expertise are clinical cardiology, with a focus on the prevention of cardiac and vascular diseases, risk assessment and management. I am also specialized in vascular medicine. Nowadays, I run the preventive cardiology clinic in my hospital. As a professor, I teach cardiovascular medicine and I am involved in many research activities, illustrated by more than 350 pubmed-referenced publications, especially in the fields of cardiovascular epidemiology, prevention and vascular medicine. I am member of a research team (INSERM) expert in the epidemiology and public health burden of chronic diseases (including cardiovascular diseases) in low- and middle income countries. My main research goal is to integrate the vascular markers for the risk stratification and management of patients with, or at high risk of, cardiovascular disease. As a general cardiologist, I am sensitive to every field of our specialty.

At the national level, I am a board member in the French Society of Cardiology since 2016. I am currently the Treasurer of this Society.

Over these last 15 years, I did my best to take part in different activities within the ESC:

I have participated into many scientific activities within the Working Group of Aorta & Peripheral Vascular Disease that I chaired from 2018 to 2020. During all these years in the nucleus of this WG, I enjoyed participating and/or setting educational programmes for our young fellows, writing in the ESC textbook and producing position papers, setting collaborations with other entities of the ESC. I have notably participated to a close collaboration with the WG on Thrombosis, illustrated by our first upcoming joint congress, Eurothrombosis & Eurovessels 2022, that I will have the honor to cochair. I had the big opportunity to collaborate with experts of several other communities at the ESC (including, but not exclusively, the EAPC and EACVI, the Councils for Cardiology in Practice, Stroke and Hypertension, as well as the Working Groups on Cardiovascular Surgery and on Atherosclerosis & Vascular Biology) and beyond, with other European sister societies. As a specialist in vascular medicine, I have been a member of the founding nucleus of Cardio-Oncology (2018-2020).

I am an active member of the CPC (2012-2018, and again since 2020), participating in the elaboration of the ESC congress programme, nowadays the largest global congress in our field.

One of my most significant tasks within our society are my contributions for several clinical practice guidelines issued by our society, as I chaired 3 ESC Task Forces for the writing of the ESC guidelines (2011-PAD, 2014-Aorta and 2017-PAD). I am a member of the CPG committee, engaged in several tasks for an optimal organization and writing of the ESC guidelines. During these years, I participated into several ESC working sessions with National Societies representatives, especially during the Spring Meetings, which helped me to sense even better the major role of the ESC at national levels, and in turn the expectations of each country.

I am also member of the Advocacy Committee (2020-22). I truly believe that the ESC is the key actor in Europe to sensitize the importance of cardiovascular disease and its burden at a political level, and the urgency for larger investment for research in this field.

All these activities testify my knowledge and commitment in the different pillars of the ESC.

Through my candidacy for a position of Councillor, I aspire to continue my willingness to dedicate my activities for our Society. I am very conscious of the key importance of the Board to maintain the ESC integrity and leadership worldwide, through a democratic process involving all the member countries. While my candidacy is supported by my national society, I remain very sensitive for a fair distribution of activities among eminent members from all countries, based on their expertise and willingness to serve our community. My experience in multiple collaborations within different scientific communities at the ESC enforced my belief in the key role of partnership within our society for our common goal: improving the cardiovascular health of our patients.

Trustfully Yours,

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