

Prof Barbara Casadei  
Past President European Society of Cardiology  
Chair of the 2022-2024 Nominating Committee

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### Letter of Motivation

Dear Prof Casadei,

I have served the ESC in many different positions during the past years. These activities have helped me to learn about the society. I have been a witness to the ESC progresses, improvements and achievements as a scientific society under the leadership of excellent professionals with dedication, loyalty and commitment. But I am also aware of the needs of our society to successfully approach the future.

We have been confronted with two very difficult years and we need strong and scientifically recognized leaders to drive the society out of this situation into the near future. We need to improve diversity, dynamism, solidarity and advocacy. We need to promote good science and award any type of cardiovascular achievement either coming from fundamental, translational or clinical science. We need to stimulate innovation. I would like to see all these values on the next generation of ESC leaders.

As mentioned, I have served the ESC in many different positions since my return to Europe from the USA in 1995. I have served in many Committees (Media, Congress Programme, Press Committee, European Affairs, Credentials, Practice Guidelines and Advocacy). I have served sequentially as Chair of the Working Group Thrombosis, Chair of WG Pathophysiology of Coronary Pathophysiology and Microcirculation, Chair of the Council on Basic Cardiovascular Science. During the term 2016-2018, I was elected ESC Vice-President having my duties on Councils, Working Groups, Women and Grants. Presently I am ESC Councillor of the Board 2020-2022 with duties on the Patient Forum and on Women@ESC

My professional activity is developed as Director of the Cardiovascular Area of the IIBSantPau, IR-Hospital de la Santa Creu i Sant Pau in Barcelona, Director of the Cardiovascular Research Chair of the Autonomous University of Barcelona and Director of the UNESCO Chair in Biomedical Sciences Training and Research. I am a Professor of the National High Research Council of Spain (CSIC). My research activities focus on ischemic heart disease and I have published 619 scientific articles (PubMed) highly referenced in the scientific literature (citations: >71,000; ORCID number: 0000-0002-9162-2459).

My previous Positions of Trust include the Presidency of the Spanish Society of Atherosclerosis (1996-2000), the Vice-Presidency of the Spanish Society of Cardiology (2014-2016) and the Presidency (as first and unique woman President up till now) of the European Society for Clinical Investigation (2000-2002) The ESCI is a pan-European society of clinicians and scientists with the mission of uncovering disease mechanisms that was founded in 1967.

Based on my experience and credentials, I look forward to be able to continue my service to the ESC by helping to Nominate the best candidates to keep fulfilling the mission of ESC.

With my warmest regards

Prof. Lina Badimon