

Prof. Barbara Casadei
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Dear Professor Casadei, dear Members of the Nominating Committee,

The growth of the European Society of Cardiology has been remarkable over the past 15 years thanks to the commitment and enthusiasm of many colleagues that have gradually improved its prestige and visibility to become the No. 1 Cardiovascular Society in the world. After the brutal impact of the pandemic, the major challenge of future management groups is to secure and develop our scientific assets in a changing environment with reduced industry support and aggressive international competition. With this in mind, I would like to confirm my willingness to continue my engagement within the European Society of Cardiology being aware of the need to develop a strong and shared strategic vision to guide our Society in its future journey.

In my opinion, to further promote the ESC mission we must **strengthen the links with our Constituent Bodies and invest in science and education.**

As Vice President of the ESC, I have learned to appreciate that National Cardiac Societies (NCS) are the core of the European Society of Cardiology. National Societies should play a central role in all ESC scientific and educational activities. A “cross-fertilization” between NCS and ESC is crucial for the implementation of a common “knowledge assessment platform” to standardize specialty certification procedures and cardiovascular healthcare across the 57 nations. In this perspective, ESC has to stimulate networking activities among the subspecialty Associations, Working Groups, Councils and National Societies. I am fully convinced that the ESC and NCS can reciprocally gain by a much stronger cooperation plan.

The field of Cardiovascular Medicine is experiencing a time of rapid scientific innovation (i.e. advances in digital technology) and changes of regulatory environment, hence, to strengthen ESC’s reputation we have to focus on the values of research and education. Lately, as current chair of the ESC Partnership Policy Committee I have acquired a very good knowledge of the evolving regulatory landscape. In this perspective it is key to set up a clear partnership framework with health care industries on disease-oriented initiatives for high quality and unbiased science and education.

Besides my recent board appointments as councillor and secretary/treasurer, I have been working as member of the Training and Research Grant Committee, chairman and nucleus member of several Working Groups, member of Practice Guideline Task Forces, chair of Credentials Committee. Moreover, I have coordinated the 2019 ESC Guidelines on Diabetes, Prediabetes and Cardiovascular Diseases developed in collaboration with the EASD. I am deputy editor of the *European Heart Journal* and consulting editor of *Cardiovascular Research*.

In the last 30 years I have been working clinically and performed cardiovascular research in Academic Institutions of several countries such as Italy, the United States, Switzerland and now Sweden. My international career, established network of collaborations and leadership experience in running hospital divisions and research groups would be highly valuable as ESC President Elect who must strategically interact with the representatives of National Cardiac Societies and different stakeholders across Europe and beyond.

The present and past duties within and outside the ESC have given me the required insights and skills to propose my candidacy for the position of **President Elect** of the ESC Board 2022-2024. I will bring along my enthusiasm, determination, and courage for such a position.

It is a privilege to serve our Society and I would be honored if you choose to nominate me.

With my kind regards,

Francesco Cosentino, MD, PhD, FESC