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Re: Application to become Councillor of the ESC

Dear Professor Casadei,

I herewith respectfully submit my application to become Councillor of the ESC for the term 2022-24. I have worked for the ESC for many years in a range of positions and served our Society on various tasks and in different constituent bodies. I now aim to contribute further to the ESC goals by becoming one of its councillors.

The ESC is a worldwide leading medical society working for improvement of medical care and to reduce disease burden. This aim increasingly requires interdisciplinary concepts and collaborations beyond the classical cardiovascular specialty. The new European Alliance for Cardiovascular Health (**EACH**) underscores the tremendous relevance of interdisciplinary collaboration with partner organisations worldwide.

My experience and enthusiasm for exactly these integrating interdisciplinary concepts that I obtained from my work as chair of the Council on Stroke will be valuable to the ESC in our endeavour for up to date medical concepts.

My most important contribution to the ESC activities was and still is my commitment to the ESC Council on Stroke. I was instrumental in the development of this council from the foundation (2016) until today serving as nucleus member and as chairmen of the Council (18-20) and now past chairman. With our Council's nucleus team we firmly established this new academic body within the ESC family as a very active, cooperative and fast growing Council. Importantly, we successfully reached out to other Societies for reliable, continued collaborations such as with the European Stroke Organisation (ESO), the World Stroke Organization (WSO) and many others (ESVS, ESMINT, EAN, EANS).

I was responsible to organise our scientific and educational activities such as a Cardiovascular Round Table on stroke (2018) or our annual stand-alone scientific conference "ESC Heart & Stroke" (2019-21) or joint sessions at annual ESC and ESO conferences (2017-ongoing) as milestones to promote the topic of stroke within the ESC community and beyond.

I am determined to contribute to the integrative ambitions of the ESC with internal and external collaborative work such as the EACH initiative with my best efforts by becoming Councillor of the ESC.

Thank you very much for considering my application.

Very best regards,

Prof. Dr. Dr. Wolfram Doehner