

Professor Barbara Casadei, FESC
ESC Immediate Past President
Chair, ESC nominating Committee

Leicester 27.10.2021

Dear Barbara,

I hereby express my wish to be nominated for candidacy to membership of the Nominating Committee of the European Society of Cardiology, as endorsed by the ESC Council for Stroke.

In support of my application, I believe have broad experience in different positions within my profession, nationally and internationally, as well as in professional societies and especially within our European Society of Cardiology which could put me in good stead for this position.

During my career I had privilege to witness tremendous progress in cardiology worldwide and I was fortunate to be involved in extensive international collaboration from the early days of my career. Originally trained in Czechoslovakia, I underwent further training abroad and since 1995 I practice in the United Kingdom. I have been extensively involved in variety of innovations especially in the field of structural and coronary interventional cardiology and more recently in Stroke therapies.

Over last two decades I extensively collaborated and trained many cardiologists at home as well as in many countries, holding several honorary professorial appointments in Europe and Asia. I was instrumental in setting variety of congresses, conferences in cardiology as well as specialised cardiology units in Europe, Americas, Asia and Africa. I gained substantive managerial experience in the healthcare in my health service managerial positions within the NHS at departmental and national levels in clinical service management, commissioning and advocacy.

In my clinical professional life I contributed significantly to the development and dissemination of structural cardiac interventions worldwide. For the pioneering work on establishing percutaneous valvular procedures I was awarded the National NHS Innovator of the Year in 2009 Award.

Since early stage of my career I was keenly involved in the life of the European Society of Cardiology becoming Fellow in 2000. I worked actively in the Interventional Group, now EAPCI, also in the Valve Group, now Valve Council and also in Stroke Group, now Stroke Council. I was elected Board Member of the Valve Group and I believe my work as social media and information lead of the Group contributed to further recognition and progression of the group into the Valve Council. As one of the early members of the Stroke Working Group I contributed to its growth to current Council for Stroke (one of the largest constituting bodies within the ESC family) and was as Programme Committee Board and Chair instrumental in delivering successful four Heart and Stroke Conferences as well as several webinars, established mutual collaboration with sisterly National and International societies and contributed to significant documents, position statements and guidelines in the field of valves and stroke.

I currently continue my active work as the Chair of the Stroke Council for years 2020-2022, also as CPC member.

I strongly believe all this experience accrued through years would be of benefit to the European Society of Cardiology. I strongly believe that the European Society of Cardiology has absolutely fundamental role in education and promotion of good clinical practice and research worldwide and I would like at this stage of my career contribute to its ongoing success. I could together with the

other members of the Nominating Committee help to select a good combination of candidates to lead ESC to further successes in delivering our Society missions.

Yours sincerely Jan Kovac,

Professor of Interventional Cardiology, The Chair, ESC Council for Stroke 2020-2022

Activities:

- Over 25 years Interventional and General Cardiologist at Academic-Teaching Hospitals in the United Kingdom and the Czech Republic
- Lead for Specialised Cardiology, Professor of Interventional Cardiology, Department of Cardiology in tertiary Glenfield Hospital at the University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust, United Kingdom
- The National Innovator of the Year NHS UK 2009 (Structural Interventions)
- Broad Clinical and Research Practice in different countries, Teacher of Interventions Worldwide (50+ countries)

My activities in the ESC

- EAPCI Member
- Valve Group, Valve Council Member
- Valve Council Board Member 2016-2018
- Council for Stroke Board Member
- Current Council for Stroke Chair (2020-2022)
- Guidelines and Position Statements Task Force member (Valvular Disease, Stroke Therapy)
- CPC Member 2020-2022
- Programme Committee Member and the Chair Heart and Stroke Conferences (2018-current)
- ESC Webinars
- ESC Clinical Cases Library