

The ESC is the acknowledged global leader in cardiovascular education and is recognised as a powerful advocate for excellence in clinical care. This position could not have been achieved without strong and visionary leadership. Our Society is now a very diverse organisation and the Nominating Committee has an important role to play in identifying the next generation of leaders who will be tasked with its future development in a very challenging environment.

I have worked as a clinical and academic cardiologist for more than 30 years. My experience as Past President of the British Cardiovascular Society and in the leadership of national quality improvement and audit programmes has given me a sound insight into what good looks like in cardiology practice. Cardiologists do not work in isolation and I am a firm believer in the delivery of care by multidisciplinary heart teams. As the former Director of Research and Development at a large University Hospital I also recognise that research and innovation needs to underpin everything that we do as clinicians.

I would welcome the opportunity to use the experience I have gained to support the work of the Nominating Committee,

Simon Ray