Prof Stephan Achenbach
Chair of the nominating committee
European society of cardiology

Re ; Candidacy for membership in ESC nominating committee 2024 – a motivation letter

Dear Prof Achenbach,

By means of this letter I would like to present my candidacy for the ESC nominating committee for the term starting in 9/24.

The milestones of my career in the European cardiology are detailed in my abbreviated CV. As you can see I have been serving since more than ten years in many versatile positions in EHRA and ESC, including participation and leading of scientific documents and guidelines, scientific program committees of both (including chair of the EHRA SPC), membership committee, EORP committee, Euroheart oversight, EHRA education and AQIC as well as being on the ESC board twice. During this term I am leading the big data committee of the ESC board which is a whole new world in cardiology. I also served on the nominating committee of EHRA in the past, which gives me some view and experience in nominations. As you can see my involvement covered almost all aspects of the activity of ESC and EHRA in the past presence and future. I am also involved and serve as a member of the scientific document committee of the American Heart Rhythm Society and was in the past a member of their international committee.

Having been in all these positions I am very familiar with many persons and positions in the ESC and with the heart house staff and ESC leaders. I will be able to contribute to identifying the best people for each position. Our society is great and very important to me, the volunteers are fantastic and everything depends on their excellence, and I am committed to selection of the best people to the different ESC positions. I also had the privilege to serve twice on the ESC board with the future chairman of the committee, Prof Weidinger. We have excellent working relationships and personal friendship.

I am well aware of the requirement to nominate women, young and mid-career cardiologists, minorities and people coming from different national societies of the member countries of the ESC. I am sure that all this can be done without compromising on the quality and leadership profile of the
nominees. Throughout my career I paid special attention to diversity in nominations, especially in my roles in my own country, such as the president of Israel Heart society and the chair of the national council of CV diseases.

I am therefore excited about the possibility to become a member of the nominating committee. I believe that my large and versatile experience and understanding of ESC/EHRA, my leadership skills and persistence will serve the ESC in the best way.

I would be grateful if you consider my candidacy to the nominating committee.

Sincerely yours,

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