

The President-Elect

Candidates for the position of President-Elect must be currently serving or have served in the immediately preceding Board as voting members or ex-officio voting members of the Board (Art. 8.3 of the ESC Statutes).

Election to this position is by vote of the General Assembly. Re-election to this position is not allowed.

The President-Elect will automatically assume the office as President of the European Society of Cardiology (ESC) after two years and act on behalf of the President when required.

Background

Fellow of the European Society of Cardiology in good standing.

Highly respected clinician/scientist in the field of cardiovascular medicine with an international reputation and network.

Established leadership qualities and ability to fulfil the role as a figurehead for European Cardiology.

Diplomatic skills including ability to cooperate with major professional organisations, to promote consensus building and manage conflicts.

Demonstrated communication skills, including talent as a public speaker.

Personal experiences

Successful in running an organisation such as a hospital department/division or a research institute / group.

Experience as chair or leader of a National Cardiac Society, ESC Association, ESC Board Committee, ESC Working Group or Council, or another national or international professional organisation.

Exposure to budgetary, financial and legal issues and to management of personnel.

Personal characteristics

Fluent in the use of the English language, written as well as spoken.

An outstanding team leader.

Able to communicate and cooperate with staff and business leaders outside the medical field.

Open-minded, respectful of the democratic process, and sensitive to international, cultural, religious and ethnic differences.

Responsibilities

Overall

To serve the ESC mission, contribute to the development and implementation of the ESC strategic plan, and respect of the code of conduct and ESC board policies.

To reflect and respond to the needs and concerns of the ESC membership.

To chair the *ESC Cardiovascular Round Table* and the *ESC Scientific Committee* and to be the *ESC Board representative at the ESC Brussels Office*.

To ensure, in partnership with the ESC President and CEO, that the Board focuses on strategic planning and policy development, with management and implementation delegated to the Management Group and CEO, according to the ESC Statutes and as outlined in relevant Board approved documents.

To promote the ESC as the leading European professional organisation within the field of cardiovascular medicine.

To aim for ESC to be perceived as the most trustworthy and relevant international professional organisation in cardiovascular medicine by health care professionals, patients and citizens, relevant partners and bodies responsible for the provision and administration of health care services and/or research funding in the ESC fields of interest.

To be willing and able to devote a significant portion of their professional time (**at least 25% as President Elect, 40% as President and 20% as Past-President**) to work for the ESC, including travel commitments, **over 6 years**.

Organisational

To maintain the continuity and endeavour to enhance quality of the main ESC activities and projects, in cooperation with the President and the Management Group.

To foster and develop the future leaders of the ESC.

Work in close cooperation with the President and Past President to learn the duties of office and prepare for the Presidential position.

To consider and prepare Board-appointed Committees for the coming two years, including the need for renewal of chairpersons and members, before taking office as President.

To undertake assignments given by the President.

To assume the office of President should this for any reason become vacant prematurely.

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To serve as President during two years following their term as President Elect.

Reimbursement

The President Elect is not compensated financially for their services to the ESC.

Secretarial reimbursement is made available according to rules established by the Board.

Reimbursement for travel expenses for trips made on behalf of the ESC is carried out by the ESC according to policies established by the ESC Board, to be reviewed periodically by the ESC Audit Committee.

The ESC President

The Presidency is the highest elected position in the ESC. The Presidency automatically follows the two-year term as President Elect without further voting. The President serves for two years, with the term in office starting and ending at the closure of the (second) Annual Ordinary Assembly of the period and then becomes immediate Past President for the next two years.

For **Background, Personal Experience** and **Personal Characteristics** see section on **ESC President Elect** above

Responsibilities (see also article 10.3 of the Statutes)

Overall

To serve the ESC mission, lead the development and/or implementation of the ESC strategic plan, and respect of the code of conduct and ESC board policies.

To ensure, in partnership with the ESC Chief Executive Officer (CEO), that the Board focuses on strategic planning and policy development, with management and implementation delegated to the Management Group and CEO, according to the ESC Statutes and as outlined in relevant Board approved documents.

To be the chief spokesperson and legal representative for the ESC.

To promote the ESC as the leading European professional organisation within the field of cardiovascular medicine.

To reflect and respond to the needs and concerns of the ESC membership.

To be willing and able to devote at least 40% of their professional time to work for the ESC, including travel commitments.

Organisational

To act in the name and on behalf of the Board and the ESC, and in particular:

- Carry out the decisions of the Board and take responsibility for the proper conduct of the ESC business.
- Represent the Society with respect to all civil matters and hold full authority to commit the Society without prejudice for the powers expressly held by the Board
- Represent the Society at law, as plaintiff or defendant. The President can only be replaced by a representative acting by virtue of a special power of attorney;
- Bring any action at law to defend the interests of the Society, permit any transactions and lodge appeal;
- Finalise the agenda for the Board and Management Group meetings and General Assemblies and chair these meetings

To aim for ESC to be perceived as the most trustworthy and relevant international professional organisation in cardiovascular medicine by health care professionals, patients and citizens, relevant industrial partners and bodies responsible for the provision and administration of health care services and/or research funding in the ESC fields of interest.

To maintain the continuity and endeavour to enhance quality of the main ESC activities and projects.

To foster and develop future leaders of the ESC.

To create and inform Board Committees according to the Statutes.

To nominate for Board approval chairpersons, and other members of Board Committees.

To serve as ex officio member in any ESC Committee, apart from the Nominating Committee.

Internal

To oversee the following major areas: clinical practice, research, education, advocacy and patient-related ESC activities, publishing, organisational development, information services, strategy, finance and operations, in accordance with the mission of the ESC.

To strengthen the links between the ESC Board and the European Heart House Directors and other key stakeholders of the ESC.

To ensure that high ethical standards are adhered to by all who are engaged in ESC business and affairs and lead by example.

External

To strengthen the links between the ESC Board and the ESC National and Affiliated Cardiac Societies.

To foster collaboration with other professional organisations of interest to the ESC.

Continued

To serve as Past President during two years at the end of the term as President.

To act as chairperson of the Nominating Committee for the new ESC Board during the term as Past President.

Reimbursement

The President is not personally compensated for their services to the ESC.

Secretarial reimbursement is made available according to the rules established by the Board.

Reimbursement for travel expenses for trips made on behalf of the ESC is carried out by the ESC according to policies established by the ESC Board, to be reviewed periodically by the ESC Audit Committee.

The Past President

The Past Presidency of the ESC automatically follows two years term as President without further voting. The Past President serves during two years and is thereafter not subject to re-election to a new Board position.

Background, Personal Experience and Personal Characteristics are, of course, the same as those listed above.

Responsibilities

Overall

To serve the ESC mission, contribute to the development and implementation of the ESC strategic plan, and respect of the code of conduct and ESC board policies.

To act as chairperson of the *ESC Nominating Committee* for the new ESC Board.

To promote the ESC as the leading European professional organisation within the field of cardiovascular medicine.

To be willing to devote approximately 20% of their professional time to work for the ESC, including travel commitments.

Organisational

To aim for ESC to be perceived as the most trustworthy and relevant international professional organisation in cardiovascular medicine by health care professionals, patients and citizens, relevant industrial partners and bodies responsible for the provision and administration of health care services and/or research funding in the ESC fields of interest.

To maintain the continuity and endeavour to enhance quality of the main ESC activities and projects in cooperation with the Management Group.

To support the President by

- carrying out assignments on their behalf;
- strengthening the links between the ESC Board and the ESC National and Affiliated Cardiac Societies;
- fostering collaboration with other professional organisations of interest to the ESC.

Continued

No official obligations follow the term in office as Past President apart from those listed above.

Reimbursement

The Past President is not compensated financially for their services to the ESC.

Secretarial reimbursement is made available according to rules established by the Board

Reimbursement for travel expenses for trips made on behalf of the ESC is carried out by the ESC according to policies established by the ESC Board, to be reviewed periodically by the ESC Audit Committee.

The Secretary/Treasurer

The Secretary/Treasurer of the European Society of Cardiology (ESC) is appointed by vote of the General Assembly for a period of two years. **Candidates for the position of Secretary/Treasurer must have served on the previous or current Board (ESC Statutes Art. 8.3.5). All elected voting members must be Fellows of the ESC in good standing (Art. 8.1.1). Re-election to this position is not allowed.**

Background

Fellow of the European Society of Cardiology in good standing.

Respected clinician/scientist in the field of cardiovascular medicine.

Personal experiences

Knowledge of budgetary regulations, previous exposure to financial and legal issues and management of personnel and good knowledge of the ESC as an organisation.

Good communication skills.

Ability to engender consensus and manage conflicts.

Successful in running an organisation such as a hospital department/division or a research institute / group.

Experience as chair or leader of a National Cardiac Society, ESC Association, ESC Board Committee, ESC Working Group or Council, or another national or international professional organisation.

Personal characteristics

Fluent in the use of the English language, written as well as spoken.

A competent team leader.

Able to communicate and cooperate with staff and business leaders outside the medical field.

Open-minded, respectful of the democratic process, and sensitive to international, cultural, religious and ethnic differences.

Responsibilities

Overall

To serve the ESC mission, contribute to the development and implementation of the ESC strategic plan, and respect of the code of conduct and ESC board policies.

To be a member of the ESC Management Group.

To check records and minutes from Board and other relevant meetings for accuracy.

To cooperate with the CEO, external accountants and auditors in reviewing budgetary and financial issues of the ESC.

To be the principal liaison between the Audit Committee and the Board.

To promote the ESC as the leading European professional organisation within the field of cardiovascular medicine.

Organisational

To work in close cooperation with the President by providing support in secretarial and budgetary issues.

To undertake assignments given by the President.

Reimbursement

The Secretary/Treasurer is not compensated financially for their services to the ESC.

Reimbursement for travel expenses for trips made on behalf of the ESC is carried out by the ESC according to policies established by the ESC Board, to be reviewed periodically by the ESC Audit Committee.

The Vice Presidents

The General Assembly elects the three Vice Presidents of the European Society of Cardiology (ESC) for a period of two years. Candidates for the position of Vice President must have served on the previous or current Board (ESC Statutes Art. 8.3.5). All elected voting members must be Fellows of the ESC in good standing (Art. 8.1.1) Re-election to this position is not allowed.

Background

Fellow of the European Society of Cardiology in good standing.

Respected clinician/scientist in the field of cardiovascular medicine.

Good communication skills.

Ability to engender consensus and manage conflicts.

Personal experiences

Successful in running an organisation such as a hospital department/division or a research institute / group.

Experience as chair or leader of a National Cardiac Society, ESC Association, ESC Board Committee, ESC Working Group or Council, or another national or international professional organisation

Personal characteristics

Fluent in the use of the English language, written as well as spoken.

A competent team leader.

Able to communicate and cooperate with staff and business leaders outside the medical field.

Open-minded, respectful of the democratic process, and sensitive to international, cultural, religious and ethnic differences.

Responsibilities

Overall

To serve the ESC mission, contribute to the development and implementation of the ESC strategic plan, and respect of the code of conduct and ESC board policies.

To be a member of the ESC Management Group.

To promote the ESC as the leading European professional organisation within the field of cardiovascular medicine.

To aim for ESC to be perceived as the most trustworthy and relevant international professional organisation in cardiovascular medicine by health care professionals, patients and citizens, relevant industrial partners and bodies responsible for the provision and administration of health care services and/or research funding in the ESC fields of interest.

To be one of the principal liaison between the ESC Board and the ESC constituent bodies and stakeholders (e.g., National Cardiac Societies, Working Groups and Councils)

To be able and willing to devote professional time to work for the ESC.

Organisational

Work in close cooperation with the President by providing support, particularly within the field of responsibility that is linked to the Board position.

Undertake assignments given by the President.

Reimbursement

The Vice Presidents are not compensated financially for their services to the ESC.

Reimbursement for travel expenses for trips made on behalf of the ESC is carried out by the ESC according to policies established by the ESC Board, to be reviewed periodically by the ESC Audit Committee.

The Councillors

The six Councillors of the European Society of Cardiology (ESC) are elected by the General Assembly for a period of two years. All elected voting members must be Fellows of the ESC in good standing (ESC Statutes Art. 8.1.1) They may also be appointed by the President to chair a committee. Anybody conforming with the characteristics listed under Vice-Presidents would be eligible to apply. Re-election to this position is not allowed.

For **Background, Personal Experience** and **Personal Characteristics** see section on **ESC Vice-Presidents** above.

Responsibilities

Overall

To serve the ESC mission, contribute to the development and implementation of the ESC strategic plan, and respect of the code of conduct and ESC board policies.

To promote the ESC as the leading European professional organisation within the field of cardiovascular medicine.

To be able and willing to devote professional time to work for the ESC.

Organisational

Work in close cooperation with the President by providing support in particular within the fields of responsibility that are assigned to this Board position.

Manage assignments given by the President.

Reimbursement

A Councillor is not compensated financially for their services to the ESC.

Reimbursement for travel expenses for trips made on behalf of the ESC is carried out by the ESC according to policies established by the ESC Board, to be reviewed periodically by the ESC Audit Committee.