

Elections NCS representatives 2020

ESC Board Committee for Young Cardiovascular Professionals



1. Your identity

Title : Medical doctor (M.D.)

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City: Istanbul

Country: TURKEY

Profession: Cardiology

Position: Specialist

2. General Curriculum Vitae (300 words maximum)

I graduated from Ege University Faculty of Medicine in 2006, and I was accepted to the cardiology residency programme in the Dr Siyami Ersek Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery Training and Research Hospital by coming 44th among 20.000 medical doctors in September 2007. Completing residency in 2013, I have been recognized as a cardiology specialist, and I have been working in the same referral centre since 2016. (2013-2016: Governance duty)

Since the very beginning, I always had the aspiration to become an interventional cardiologist with an academic background, and I tried my best to build my career on these enthusiasms.

My areas of expertise are coronary and peripheral endovascular interventions, structural heart diseases and interventions, stroke prevention in atrial fibrillation (left atrial appendage closure).

I have been accepted to the observership program in the Section of Invasive and Interventional Cardiology, Heart and Vascular Institute (Miller Family) of Cleveland Clinic where I had the opportunity to work under the supervision of Dr Samir Kapadia and Dr Mehdi Shishehbor in 2017.

I have been appointed as the Chair of Turkish Society of Cardiology (TSC) Young Executive Committee in 2018 and also elected as the Fellow of European Society of Cardiology (FESC) in 2019.

I have more than 35 scientific papers, including original articles and case reports in peer-reviewed journals and making oral and poster presentations both in national and international meetings. Also, I have been accepted to the Junior Reviewer Programme of the European Heart Journal – Case Reports in 2019, and I am regularly reviewing case reports under the supervision of Dr Marco de Carlo.

I have fulfilled the required standards (scientific background) for qualifying as an 'Associate Professor of Cardiology' and waiting for the application period that will be open at the end of June 2020.

Apart from cardiology, I do snowboarding and play tennis regularly. Also, I do dubbing and play snooker as a hobby.

3. Previous experience(s) in your National Cardiac Society and in ESC (300 words maximum)

(please provide details on the position, where, the years of mandate)

I have been appointed as the Chair and a member of the Turkish Society of Cardiology Young Executive Committee (2018-2020).

During the Spring Summit in 2019 and 2020, I had the opportunity to meet the Nucleus members of ESC CoT, and as the TSC Young, we had the privilege to have them as the lecturers of annual TSC congress last year.

4. Are you a Board or a Nucleus member of any other scientific association?

Yes ☒

No ☐
(If you answered yes, please provide details)

Current Chair and a member of Turkish Society of Cardiology Young Executive Committee (2018-2020)

5. Why are you interested in joining the ESC Board Committee for Young Cardiovascular Professionals and what would you like to achieve if you were elected? (300 words max)

From a personal standpoint, it is not easy to put in the words how I am motivated for this position. First of all, having the opportunity to meet new colleagues and work with international peers under the roof of the ESC sound simply amazing. Also, creating a vast network and having the chance to communicate with the mentors and pioneers of work will be unique.

Nevertheless, the mission and vision of this committee can not only be mentioned, along with personal aspirations. I know the importance of teamwork and cooperation for bringing the ideas to life and achieving success. I believe we, as the cardiovascular professionals of tomorrow, need to carry the responsibility of representing the future perspectives of ESC. Being aware that we are the future, we should try our best to support ESC for their pivotal role in managing cardiovascular diseases worldwide.

For that purpose, I believe that sharing all the knowledge and experience by carrying out activities for young cardiologists has the utmost importance. Thus, we can establish a virtuous circle which will enable us to spread the word to most of the young cardiologists in the field, which is 'collaboration and solidarity to control the cardiovascular diseases'.

A brief example of this critical collaboration took place in our national congress last year. I had a chance to meet ESC CoT Nucleus members in the ESC Spring Summit 2019. Upon my invitation, Dr Ricardo L. Lopez and Dr Amina Rakisheva honoured us by their presence as the lecturers for the Turkish Society of Cardiology Young Sessions and provided us with their experience in the field.

In short, my motivation for this position not only comes from personal objectives but also is fed by the aspiration of improving our bonds as the cardiologists of tomorrow to assist ESC in their mission of reducing the burden of cardiovascular disease.

6. How will you balance your work commitments with your commitments to the ESC Board Committee for Young Cardiovascular Professionals? (300 words max)

I have been working as a cardiologist at one of the most populated referral institutions for the past ten years and as the Chair of the TSC Young Executive Committee for the past two years. I have to admit that both position are challenging and time consuming.

Beyond regularly following the updates and recent articles, I am allocating substantial time to improve my scientific and academic background (conducting studies, preparing original articles, case reports and presentations). Besides, I am the reviewer of EHJ-Case Reports (evaluating 1 case a week, on average) and guest reviewer of the PCROnline Journal club. All of this stuff that makes my schedule busy brought out the need and also the experience for managing time properly and effectively. Thus, I believe I can organise my schedule with great pleasure according the responsibilities of NCS deputy representative position of ESC Board Committee for Young Cardiovascular Professionals, for which I feel so eager and enthusiastic.

From a different viewpoint, rather than having the thought that one commitment will hinder the other, I believe determination for one will be motivating for the rest. Moreover, gaining new insights from my international peers in the ESC Young Committee and implementing them to my daily practice will certainly increase my commitment to the work.

At the end of the day, regardless of the definition of work, it is all about improving our skills and perspective to serve our patients and cardiovascular community better. Being a committed member of the ESC Board Committee for Young Cardiovascular Professionals, without a doubt, will be the best opportunity to achieve these goals.



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