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EAPCI President-Elect 2026-2028 application

It is my great privilege and responsibility declare my application for EAPCI President-Elect 2026-2028.

I have been serving EAPCI since 2017.

My experience and commitment as VFL Champion, as Committee member, Co-chair and Chair of the EAPCI Board followed the extensive APIC reforms that were implemented in Portugal 2015 under my leadership.

The EAPCI Core Curricula in Interventional Cardiology and Structural Heart Disease, the European Certification Program, the VFL Portugal success and the ESC Quality Indicators for TAVI are perhaps the most visible tasks accomplished.

This trajectory was based on an incredible cooperation among colleagues from many geographies and diverse conditions that I hope to expand further, based on merit and commitment. I am truly enthusiastic about the opportunity to gather all the European stakeholders and enhance the EAPCI influence and cooperation to another level.

The FIVE main objectives that I would like to achieve as EAPCI President are as follows:



1. **International Cooperation and Networking:**

- Strengthen partnerships with international associations, societies and organizations to promote worldwide collaboration.
- Facilitate the dissemination of best practices and the adoption of European recommendations.
- Foster collaboration among healthcare professionals, industry partners, and other relevant stakeholders to exchange knowledge, share attitudes, and drive innovation in the 57 ESC allied countries.

2. **Enhancing Professional Development, Training and Certification in close cooperation and coordination with PCR:**
 - Enhance continuous learning and skill development and expand the EAPCI certification program.
 - Promote opportunities for all healthcare professionals and develop a career perspective for the young colleagues.
 - Recognize and reward excellence in the field through grants, awards and certifications.
 - Support comprehensive educational programs for healthcare professionals.
3. **Quality Improvement, Innovation and Patient-Centered Care:**
 - Encourage the collaboration among researchers, institutions and industry partners to promote affordable research and fill evidence gaps.
 - Implement data standards and strategies to enhance the quality interventions, supporting of standardized protocols and guidelines.
 - Prioritize patient safety by promoting adherence to best practices and monitoring outcomes.
 - Foster adoption of technologies and techniques to improve patient outcomes.
 - Advocate for patient-centered care by ensuring that patients are actively involved in decision-making processes and have access to information about their treatment options.
4. **Advocacy, Lobbying and Digital Awareness:**
 - Enhance the impact of EAPCI scientific documents.
 - Raise awareness about the importance of percutaneous cardiovascular interventions among the general public and stakeholders.
 - Advocate for policies that support access to care and reimbursement for procedures.
5. **Sustainability, Ethical Standards and Professional Conduct:**
 - Acknowledge and actively reduce any disparities.
 - Encourage the responsible use of resources to ensure sustainability and cost-effectiveness.
 - Support research and initiatives aimed at reducing healthcare waste.
 - Promote ethical standards and professional conduct among all professionals.
 - Uphold the highest levels of integrity, transparency, and accountability.

I would be happy to continue to serve EAPIC as best as I can.

Yours sincerely,

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