



Application for the following position in the EHRA Board:

President-Elect

1. Your Identity

Title: Prof., MD, FEHRA, FESC, FHRS

Family Name(s): Pürerfellner

First Name(s): Helmut Friedrich

Birth Date: April 2nd, 1961

Institute/Organisation: Ordensklinikum Linz Elisabethinen, Academic Teaching Hospital

Department: Cardiology, Arrhythmia Unit

Address: Fadingerstr. 1

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City: Linz

Country: Austria



2. General Curriculum Vitae (300 words max)

Present Position:

Head of the Arrhythmia Department at the Ordensklinikum Linz Elisabethinen, Academic Teaching Center, Linz, Austria

Faculty of Doctorate School (PhD program) at the Johannes Kepler University Clinic Linz, Austria

Faculty of Bachelor- and Masterthesis applicants of the Medical University Graz and Vienna, Austria

Education:

MD (1987) at the Medical University of Vienna

Research Fellowship (Holter-based arrhythmia diagnostics) at the Cardiological Department/University of Vienna (1987-1988)

Residency in Internal Medicine, Cardiology and Intensive Care Medicine at the Ordensklinikum Linz Elisabethinen 1989-1995

Training in Clinical Cardiac Electrophysiology as a fellow at the University of Münster (Germany)/Cardiological Department (Prof. Dr. G. Breithardt), 1989

Training in Atrial Fibrillation Ablation at the University of Bordeaux, France/Cardiological Department (Prof. Dr. M. Haissaguerre), 2000

Research:

Main research activities:

- 1) Electrophysiology and ablation of atrial and ventricular arrhythmias with special interest on AF, left atrial flutter and VTs in structural heart disease; 3-D electroanatomical mapping systems; implantable devices for AF detection; new antiarrhythmic drugs and anticoagulants
- 2) More than 110 peer-reviewed articles (PubMed) published in indexed journals, such as New England Journal of Medicine, Lancet, European Heart Journal, Europace, Circulation and JACC-EP
- 3) Participation in ESC Guidelines and various EHRA documents
- 4) More than 400 contributions as congress abstracts in major cardiology and heart rhythm congresses
- 5) Steering committee member, national coordinator and PI (>10) of various international randomized multicentre trials
- 6) Supervisor of numerous PhD theses



3. Describe previous experience(s) within EHRA, ESC or your National Cardiac Society

European Heart Rhythm Association (EHRA)

- Treasurer (Executive Board Member, elected position) 2018-2020
- International Affairs Coordinator (Board Member) 2020-2022
- Membership Pillar Chair (including National Cardiac Societies and Young Electrophysiologists) 2020-2022
- Faculty of Procedural EHRA Training Course on Interventional EP & Examination Preparatory 2016-2019
- Scientific Program Committee Co-Chair 2015-2018
- Member and Co-Chair of the Web Committee 2011-2015

European Society of Cardiology (ESC)

- Association Forum 2018-2020

Austrian Cardiac Society

- Co-Chair and Chair of the Working Group of Arrhythmias 1996-2000
- Board Member of the Working Group of Arrhythmias 1993-2021

4. Why are you motivated to join the EHRA Executive Board (150 words max)?

Having served in different positions over many years enormously increased my knowledge on how a big organization works and strengthened my international personal network allowing me to apply for this position. Working with partners within the EHRA and colleagues from Europe gave me the opportunity to help and educate EP fellows from around the globe within my own institution. EHRA is a big **family** of independent educators, creative and integer scientists and empathic clinicians. I am an integrative and inclusive personality, I can bring people together! Serving as the President-Elect and future EHRA president would allow me to foster **unity** within EHRA/ESC, within Europe and across the world. Even more, I would continuously fight for **equality** between sex, age, socio-economic differences and patients' implications. My specific attention would be directed to leverage **female** participation, include specifically the **young** generation and support the **less privileged** or **underserved** countries but also involving allied professionals and patient associations. In addition, I would work hard to ensure that the 5 pillars (**Advocacy, Education, Congress, Membership and Research**) uphold EHRA for the next years and further enhance **digital technology** to create new opportunities of education and research and to quickly adapt in a pandemic situation.



5. How will you combine your EHRA position with your daily clinical/research workload?

Please note that we expect you to be:

- Active career at the time of taking office
- In clinical practice (for at least 30%) at the time of application

Being both Head of the Electrophysiologic Department and Senior Consultant in my hospital for many years, I have learnt to combine both clinical, research work and activities for a scientific association such as EHRA in a suitable way. Having served in different EHRA leading positions I have gathered a vast experience on how to cope with multiple tasks throughout the day.

In addition, according to a recently formed working contract with my local hospital administration I will have sufficient time for administrative duties (including EHRA-related activities) from 2022-2026 including working from home. In case of being elected as EHRA president I would in addition restrict my regular working hours further.

6. Please list your conflicts of interest

- Direct personal payments (speaker fees, honoraria, advisory board fees, consultancy, investigator...)
 - Company (one company): **Abbott, Biosense Webster, Boston, Medtronic, Daiichi-Sankyo, Pfizer, Bayer, Bristol-Myers-Squibb**
 - Product or therapeutic area: **Catheter ablation; NOACs**
 - <10 K€/year x 10-50 K€/year ○ 50-100 K€/year ○ >100 >K€/year
 - **Each company < 10K Euros/year**



- Payments to your institution (speaker fees, honoraria, advisory board fees, consultancy, activities executed by your department for the sponsor or investigator initiated and funded by an unconditional grant from the sponsor...)
 - Company (one company): **Biosense Webster, Abbott, Boston, Medtronic**
 - Product or therapeutic area: **Medinbox Live Transmissions from EP-Lab**
 - <10 K€/ year ☐ 10-50 K€/year ☐ 50-100 K€/year ☐ >100 >K€/year
 - **Each company <10K Euros/year, all in all 40.000 Euros for 2021**
- Receipts of royalties for intellectual property
 - Company (one company): **none**
 - Product or therapeutic area:
 - <10 K€/ year ☐ 10-50 K€/year ☐ 50-100 K€/year ☐ >100 >K€/year

Add as many as necessary

Position of influence declaration:

- Direct substantial shareholding or direct financial interest in healthcare, media, education companies or companies in relationship (suppliers or in competition with ESC or in contradiction with ESC mission)
- Employment in healthcare institution (part time or full time)
- Membership or affiliation to political/pressure group associations related to the field of cardiology
- Any potential interest related to the position applied for
- **Nothing to declare**
- More info at <https://www.escardio.org/The-ESC/About/Policies/esc-declaration-and-management-of-conflict-of-interest-policy>