Dear colleague,

I have been serving EHRA almost from its beginning in 2004 in different positions of most of its committees. A summarized description of these activities can be found in my CV. However, among them I am particularly proud of my work in training and education and in the Certification Committee. Helping EHRA to provide training and education by chairing these two committees was specially rewarding. I am always surprised by the commitment and motivation of both faculty and participants in our activities which explain the success of our association and encourage me to keep working hard to provide the best training opportunities and educational activities. In addition, I have always believed in promoting recognition of our subspecialty. This is why I started working together with other colleagues in an accreditation model, first in my own country and then in EHRA, which resulted in two certification systems that nowadays are widely accepted and increasingly recognized around the globe.

Working for EHRA during these past years has been a privilege. A privilege because I have witnessed from first row the amazing development of our association due to the contribution, commitment and excitement of many of you, who believed that a strong association can do better for patients and professionals both at present but also in the long run. However, I also consider this a privilege because this gave me the opportunity to meet and learn many things from colleagues (now most of them good and esteemed friends) from different countries around Europe and the ESC area. This is one of the strengths and values of EHRA which benefits from the diversity of practices of the different ESC countries and probably explains why this part of the world has been leading most of the developments and the production of new ideas in electrophysiology. I feel proud being part of EHRA and it makes me excited and motivated to work side by side with you to keep improving our association and the activities its provides in the benefit of our patients and the profession.

Finally, I would not like ending this letter without giving you a glimpse of my personal life. As many for many of you, work takes most of my awake time (an even part of my sleeping one!). This probably reflects that we should consider ourselves lucky doing something that we love and also helps people, from clinical work to research. When I am no working, I love spending time with my family and, if there is some left, chatting and doing simple thing with good friends. I have 4 children and have tried to teach them the difficult equilibrium of working hard and enjoying life when there is time to do so but not to waste it. I love mountain biking, skiing and travelling and whenever is possible I try to enjoy these activities with them. When I was younger I loved playing football but now I have reduced this to just watch some games of the European Championship to latter discuss the results with my European colleagues.