

Dear Pr Achenbach, chair of the Esc Nominating Committee,

I am honored and privileged to be nominated as a candidate for the position of the nominating committee member of the ESC by the Tunisian Society of Cardiology and CV Surgery. I am a professor of Cardiology since 2018 at Faculty of Medicine, Sfax University, Tunisia.

I served in several positions in our society as General Secretary 2016-2018 and as a president 2018-2020.

These positions helped me to realize the challenges and difficulties that face the cardiologists

in the region (North Africa and Middle East). Namely; financial constraints in health system, poor contribution in global medical research, and high cardiovascular morbidity and mortality. The Africa and Middle East represent an important region for the ESC and it is essential to include them in the ESC nominating committee to assure diversity in the representation of all regions. My vision is to help all countries to gain the same benefits and to actively share in all the activities of the ESC.

My main motivation to candidate is to enforce active participation of the Tunisian, north Africa and Middle East national societies in ESC research and educational activities, to better characterize cardiovascular morbidity, and to decrease the gap between North/ West Europe and the Tunisian, north Africa, Middle East countries in cardiovascular research.

If I got elected, I plan to (1) enhance exchange programs for young cardiologists between North African ESC member Societies and North/ West European centers of excellence (2) promote the establishment and recognition of centers of excellence in north Africa (3) strengthen the collaboration between north African and other European centers in conducting prospective clinical research.

I will work hard to increase the visibility of the ESC in all the countries in my region.

I am aware that this task is demanding. Nevertheless, my current position as the past president of the Tunisian Society of Cardiology and CV Surgery, the largest and most old Cardiology Society in north Africa will allow me to make this commitment. I hope that my motivation, experiences and visions may be of value for the continued development of the ESC.

Finally, I would like to mention that i am involved in several international and national research activities, trials, registries as:

*Principal Investigator, Victory Study

*Reviewer for several European guidelines

*National Coordinator: NATURE HF; NATURE AF, NATURE HTN published

*National Coordinator of Heart Failure III registry (ongoing)

Also, I am a regular Faculty in the activities of the ESC, namely the annual congress, the HFA conference and ESC and HFA summits.

N.B: A detailed CV is attached .

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