

24th November 2023

Professor Stephan Achenbach  
Chairman, Nominating Committee,  
Immediate Past President,  
European Society of Cardiology

Dear Stephan

I would like to apply to be a Councillor in the ESC Board elections for 2024. I enclose the required supporting documents, duly signed.

I believe that I meet the requirements to be considered as a Councillor as evidenced by my:

## 1. Local Experience

- a. In my substantive position as a Consultant Cardiologist at King's College Hospital, I am the Clinical Lead for the Heart Failure Service. In the past I have also served as the Clinical Lead for Cardiology.
- b. I have an established track record in cardiovascular research in heart failure, with over 320 publications in Pubmed and an H-index of 79.

## 2. National Experience

- a. I have extensive experience of committee work nationally. I served on the British Society of Heart Failure Board for 11 years (2001-13) in many capacities (Councillor, Treasurer, Chair-Elect and Past Chair). I was its Chair in 2009-11. During that time I helped establish the National Heart Failure Audit and the UK subspecialty curriculum for Heart Failure.
- b. I have served on grant awarding committees for the British Heart Foundation and have editorial experience as an Associate Editor for Heart (2003-2008).
- c. I am the clinical lead for the National Heart Failure Audit

## 3. International Experience

- a. I have been an active member of the European Society of Cardiology throughout my career. I have served on the ESC Congress Programme Committee over the years for 4 terms. I am currently the Topic Coordinator for Heart Failure on the CPC 2022-24. I was a member of the ESC Clinical Practice and Guidelines Committee for 6 years. I also served as a member of the ESC Nominating Committee for the 2014 Board Elections.

- b. I was a Board Member on the Heart Failure Association of the ESC for 10 years and chaired its Clinical Section and the Patient Care Committee. During that time, I was responsible for writing the ESC Heart Failure Curriculum, the ESC Standards for Delivery of Care for Heart Failure and setting up the ESC Heart Failure Subspeciality Examination. I continue to be involved with European Heart Failure Registry programmes and their development.
- c. Most recently, I have been a Co-chair of the ESC 2021 Heart Failure Guidelines and the Focussed Update in 2023.
- d. I have served on Steering Groups and DSMBs for major clinical trials.

I am committed to the mission of the ESC to improve the clinical care of patients with cardiovascular problems throughout Europe, so I would see being part of the next ESC Board as an opportunity to further that aim in collaboration with like-minded senior ESC colleagues. In particular, I would hope to be able to bring my experience with guidelines, registries, curricula and standards of care to assist with the ESC Board's new initiatives to develop these areas and further improve patient care.

I trust that you will consider my application.

Many thanks.

Yours sincerely

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