

## Elections to Council Nucleus and Nominating committee 2024-2026

**Motivation letter: What would you do if successfully elected? (250 words max)**

Dear Members of the ESC Council on Stroke,

I am honoured to submit my candidacy for the position of Chairman-elect, with a commitment to drive impactful change and advance the Council's mission in an interdisciplinary collaborative approach involving all related medical specialties. If elected, I will work closely with our Chairman, Gregory Lip, to ensure continuity of strategies and initiatives, promoting seamless transitions and maximizing the effectiveness of our leadership team to boost the visibility and impact of our Council. Through strategic partnerships and advocating for stroke awareness and care, we can increase our influence both in Europe and globally. Integrity and transparency will be at the forefront of our actions, ensuring we operate with honesty and accountability.

One of my main aims as Chairman-elect is to encourage more young colleagues to get involved. I believe in guiding and collaborating with them to become future leaders in stroke research and care. By creating programs that offer mentorship and opportunities for involvement, we can build a vibrant and diverse community.

In conclusion, I am deeply passionate about advancing the mission of the ESC Council on Stroke. I am confident that, all of us together, we can achieve our shared goals and make a lasting impact on the lives of patients and communities affected by stroke.

Thank you for considering my candidacy.

With my best wishes

George Ntaios

George Ntaios serves as Professor of Internal Medicine at the University of Thessaly in Greece and performs full clinical duties at the Department of Medicine at the Larissa University Hospital in Greece. He was trained in Stroke Medicine in Switzerland and Austria.



He has held several leading roles in established Scientific Societies: currently, he serves as the Treasurer of the Stroke Council of the European Society of Cardiology since 2022. He also serves as the President of the Hellenic Stroke Organization since 2021, after a six-year term as its Secretary General. In addition, he served on the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the European Stroke Organization (2017-2020), and as the Chair of the Guidelines Committee of the European Stroke Organization (2014-2018).

The scientific and research focus of Prof. George Ntaios has been Stroke Medicine, and in particular stroke aetiology, secondary prevention and prognosis. He has always tried to bring together all related specialties like Internal Medicine, Cardiology and Neurology in a collaborative integrated team-spirit. In this context, his particular focus during the last decade has been Embolic Strokes of Undetermined Source (ESUS), which still stands as an uncharted territory overlapping all related medical disciplines. His research work on ESUS has deepened our understanding on the significance of the multiple cardiovascular comorbidities which are prevalent in these patients, for whom the optimal preventive strategies are still unclear.

He co-authored several Guideline Documents and Scientific Statements published by various scientific bodies like the European Society of Cardiology Council on Stroke, the European Heart Rhythm Association, the European Association of Cardiovascular Imaging, the American College of Chest Physicians, and the European Stroke Organization. His research has been published in a broad range of journals including the New England Journal of Medicine, European Heart Journal, Circulation, Journal of American College of Cardiology, Chest, JAMA Neurology, and Stroke.