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Candidacy for ESC Nominating Committee 2024-2026

Dear Professor Achenbach,

I would like to submit my application as a candidate for the ESC Nominating Committee 2024-2026, as a representative of the German National Cardiac Society (DGK). This application is supported by the European Association of Preventive Cardiology (EAPC), an ESC constituent body.

Driven by my professional and personal interest to contribute my knowledge and skills to the better understanding, prevention, and therapy of cardiovascular diseases, I have been an active member of the DGK, EAPC and ESC since 2009. In my professional work as a researcher in translational cardiovascular biology I am confronted with the urgency of the need for better cardiovascular prevention and care for the European, and indeed the global population.

I have served the DGK, EAPC and ESC in several positions over time, thus have been able to get an understanding of the ESC's structures and principles, as well as the wealth of skills and knowledge our members are willing to dedicate to our shared work. As a long-term active member of the EAPC and with my own history, working as a cardiovascular scientist in several European countries, I see the strength that comes from the different approaches contributed by people from different countries and with different professional background. I truly believe that our strength as a professional association lies in our diversity as much as in the expertise of our active members. We should provide them with an open environment, fostering collaboration. Throughout Europe we are facing challenging times, with a surge in the prevalence of cardiovascular risk factors and budget cuts at the same time. Only by learning from each other and by working together can we overcome these hurdles and fulfil our mission to reduce the burden of cardiovascular diseases for the people.

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I am honoured by the nomination by the DGK and would like express my sincere wish to stand as a candidate for the ESC Nominating Committee 2024-2026.

Sincerely,

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