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Prof. Stephan Achenbach
Chair, ESC Nominating Committee

Motivation letter – ESC Nominating Committee elections 2024-2026

Dear Prof. Achenbach, Dear all,

As current Chairperson of the ESC Working Group on Cellular Biology of the Heart, I am writing this letter to support my **candidacy for the position as ESC Nominating Committee Member 2024-2026 representing Working Groups**. I currently hold an academic position as Associate Professor of Cardiology at the Department of Advanced Biomedical Sciences of Federico II University. I also hold a clinical position at the Cardiology Unit of Federico II University Hospital, Naples, Italy. Over the last 20 years, I have been deeply interested and involved in basic and translational research, mainly addressing the molecular mechanisms underlying cardiac responses to pathological stimuli leading to heart failure. Since 2011, I direct as Principal Investigator a Molecular Cardiology Laboratory at Federico II University, Naples (Italy) involved in several translational cardiology research projects funded by the Italian Ministry of Health, Italian Ministry of University and Research and BancoSanPaolo. Overall, my experience combines activities of diagnosis and patient-centered specialized care with research activity strongly oriented towards the pathophysiological and molecular approaches to cardiovascular diseases and towards the innovation of their treatment. I strongly believe that synergistic combination of basic research and clinical experience can identify crucial questions, bridging the gap between basic science, clinical research and practice.

It has really been a privilege for me to be one of nucleus members of the ESC Working Group on Cellular Biology of the Heart (WG CBH) since August 2014. Since August 2022, I am Chairperson the WG CBH. Over the past several years, our WG has reached remarkable impact and visibility within the ESC and in the general scientific community, promoting the translation of state-of-the-art results from basic science to general cardiology and cardiovascular medicine.

Since November 2022, I joined the inaugural ESC Scientific Documents Committee (SDoC), and in December 2022 I was elected as WG Representative within the Executive Group of the 2022-2024 Scientific Documents Committee (SDoC-EG). Over the last almost ten years, I have been deeply and actively involved in several ESC activities (including serving as abstract reviewer, program contributor and invited speaker for several ESC meetings (Congress Program Committee member 2016-2018), contributing to the preparation of several ESC Scientific Statements, WG Newsletters, and web talks. I also participated to almost all WG CBH/SDoC/SDoC-EG) meetings and activities over these years. I contributed to the scientific organization of the last four bi-annual joint meetings of WG CBH and the ESC WG on Myocardial Function (Varenna 2015, Varenna 2017, Naples 2019 and Naples 2023). All meetings were extremely successful and of extremely high scientific value. For the 2017 and 2023 Biennial meetings, I was also honored to provide some financial support through a grant sponsored by Federico II University. If elected within the ESC Nominating Committee 2024-2026, I intend to continue serving the ESC mission, to fully respect the code of conduct and all ESC Board policies, and to contribute to the development of the ESC, promoting and supporting the main ESC activities and projects, and the endeavor to continuously enhance their quality.



For these reasons, I would be thankful for your trust and support.

Sincerely yours,

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