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Dear Professor Achenbach,

With great pleasure and enthusiasm I take on the challenge of being candidate for position of member of the Nominating Committee of the ESC 2024-2026.

As an active ESC and EHRA member I would like to proceed with a next step in my career applying for a role in the ESC Nominating Committee.

I understand the Nominating Committee is a critical committee as it selects the new candidates for crucial positions within the ESC including the President Elect. In my view, with all my expertise within the ESC, EHRA and the ESC council on stroke I could significantly contribute to this committee.

The 2023-2028 strategic plan of the ESC is ambitious and includes amongst others robust and unbiased, validated educational programs for a global audience, implementation of the vision of patients in all activities, high quality research and active pursuit of environmental sustainability. To accomplish these objectives dedicated colleagues need to be identified and selected.

During my career I served in many EHRA committees, was chair of the EHRA programme committee, EHRA treasurer and was also involved in the ESC council on stroke (Secretary and Treasurer). Within the ESC I am now a member of the ESC membership committee and the ESC congress trial scouting committee. Further, I am chairing Task Force of the 2024 ESC atrial fibrillation guidelines, I am the PI of the ESC/EHRA/ESC council on stroke STEEER AF trial (aims to assess whether structured education for healthcare professionals increases the implementation of guidelines) and I am one of the PIs of EHRA-PATHs consortium (aims to develop a software tool to optimally identify and treat comorbidities in AF patients). Thus, I have expertise in all the fields as incorporated in the strategic aims of the ESC and I have a large network within the ESC, the associations, and councils. Due to this network, I could importantly contribute to the identification of potential candidates for the key roles within the ESC and the eventual selection of the final candidates.

I really would be delighted if I could make a next step in my career and become a member of the ESC Nominating Committee. I am sure that in this way I can contribute to a further growth and visibility of the ESC !

Sincerely,

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