

Application for ESC Board Member – Councillor

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My motivation reflects a long-standing dedication to the ESC, to cardiovascular imaging, and to integrating imaging at the core of modern cardiology. After more than a decade of active service within EACVI and the French Society of Cardiology, I am convinced that the ESC must remain both a global scientific leader and a catalyst for improved patient care.

As **Councillor**, I will focus on:

1. Strengthening the role of imaging across ESC

Imaging drives diagnosis, risk assessment, and therapeutic decision-making. I will work to embed imaging firmly within every ESC clinical pathway as precision medicine advances.

2. Expanding Europe's global leadership

Through strong collaborations across Europe, the Middle East, Asia, and South America, I will promote ESC visibility, scientific exchange, and high-quality international education.

3. Supporting diversity and the next generation

I have consistently built teams with $\geq 50\%$ women and strong young-physician involvement. I will champion inclusive leadership and accessible, structured training.

4. Driving innovation and scientific excellence

AI, interventional imaging, and digital health must be matched with rigorous methodology and robust registries and trials. I will help the ESC remain at the forefront of innovation.

5. Connecting imaging, clinical cardiology, and industry

With experience leading an ISO-certified core lab and major trials, I will foster efficient, ethical, forward-looking collaboration across disciplines and partners.

Key priorities:

Imaging leadership • Global impact • Diversity & youth • Innovation & AI • Strong clinician–industry bridges • Active engagement of national societies.

Personal Statement

My trajectory within ESC and EACVI—task forces, board duties, scientific documents, and major congress roles—reflects a deep commitment to excellence and European cohesion. As Councillor, I will strengthen the contribution of French cardiology, enhance ESC's scientific authority, broaden its international influence, and help our community deliver the highest standards of cardiovascular care.