

## **Motivation Letter**

### **Application for the Position of ESC Councillor, Board Member of the ESC (2026–2028)**

Dear Members of the ESC Nominating Committee,

18 February 2026

It is with great motivation and commitment that I submit my candidacy for the position of ESC Councillor, Board Member of the European Society of Cardiology for the term 2026–2028.

Over the past two decades, the ESC has been my professional home, and I have had the privilege to contribute to its mission across multiple roles, including as Board Member of the Heart Failure Association, Chair of the ESC Working Group on Myocardial Function, Chair of the HFA Committee on Translational Research, and currently as Chair and Nucleus Member within HFA committees on inherited and inflammatory cardiomyopathies. These experiences have provided me with a deep understanding of the ESC's structure, values, and strategic priorities, and have reinforced my dedication to advancing cardiovascular science and patient care across Europe.

As a clinician-scientist and Professor of Cardiomyopathies, I have focused my career on bridging fundamental discovery with clinical implementation. I have built multidisciplinary clinical and research programmes integrating genetics, immunology, and clinical cardiology, and established international collaborations involving academia, industry, and patient organisations. This translational perspective aligns closely with the ESC's mission to improve cardiovascular health through science, education, and advocacy.

If elected, I would aim to contribute to the ESC Board by supporting three key priorities. First, strengthening integration between basic, translational, and clinical cardiovascular science to accelerate innovation and implementation. Second, fostering the next generation of cardiovascular professionals by promoting mentorship, inclusiveness, and opportunities across all ESC communities. Third, reinforcing ESC's leadership as a unifying European platform, ensuring collaboration across associations, councils, and working groups, while maintaining global impact.

I strongly believe in the ESC's unique role in shaping the future of cardiovascular medicine, and I would be honoured to contribute to its governance and strategic development. I am committed to working collaboratively with the Board and ESC leadership to further strengthen the Society's scientific excellence, educational mission, and service to patients and professionals.

Yours sincerely,