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Prof. Ciro Indolfi Motivation Letter

I am applying for a position on the ESC Nominating Committee motivated by my long-standing commitment to the European cardiovascular community and by the conviction that effective, forward-looking leadership is essential to advancing the mission of our Society. Throughout my career, I have worked to promote excellence in cardiovascular research, clinical practice, and governance at both the national and European levels.

As Full Professor of Cardiology, former President of the Ethics Committee, and Senator of the Università Magna Graecia, I have gained extensive academic and institutional experience, strengthening my understanding of responsible leadership, scientific integrity, and the strategic vision required to support a large and evolving scientific community. My clinical and academic responsibilities have continuously reinforced my dedication to promoting high standards in education, research, and patient care.

Within the Italian cardiology community, I have served as Past President of the Italian Society of Invasive Cardiology (GISE), the Italian Society of Cardiology (SIC), and the Italian Federation of Cardiology. These roles have provided me with a comprehensive perspective on organizational leadership and on the importance of fostering collaboration across societies and disciplines.

At the European level, I contributed as a member of the ESC Board for Minimal Data Setting and was honored to be nominated FESC. My scientific work includes participation in the 2005 ESC Guidelines for Coronary Angioplasty and the 2017 ESC Guidelines on Valvular Heart Disease. I have also contributed actively to ESC Congress program activities. As previous President of the Italian Federation of Cardiology, I collaborated closely with the ESC Advocacy Program to develop the first national strategic plan for cardiovascular health in Italy, including high-level institutional engagement with national ministries to support ESC priorities.

These experiences have strengthened my belief in the need for a transparent, inclusive, and merit-based selection process for ESC leadership. I am committed to contributing to the Nominating Committee with independence, fairness, and a deep understanding of the competencies required to guide the ESC through future scientific, educational, and policy challenges. My goal is to help identify leaders who embody excellence, diversity, and a strong commitment to the ESC mission.

It would be an honour to serve on the Nominating Committee and support the Society in shaping its future leadership.

Thank you for considering my application.

Prof. Ciro Indolfi