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Dear Prof Weidinger,
Dear Nominations Committee,

I would like to stand for election as a Councillor for the ESC Board, 2026-2028.

The ESC has been fundamental to my development as a cardiologist - clinically, academically and as a leader. Since my first ESC congress as a trainee in Amsterdam in 1995, I have been privileged to learn from, and work with, many inspirational clinicians across the ESC, to improve patient care through science, innovation and education. My main ESC leadership role is Board Chair of the European Examination in Core Cardiology (EECC), and since 2017, we have more than doubled participation to over 1000 registrants from 46 countries. I am a strong advocate for diversity of views and experience to improve decision making and outcomes, and the EECC is a living exemplar. It facilitates close collaborations between national and affiliated cardiac societies from Europe and across the world from Costa Rica to South Africa, Jordan to Australia, and disseminates best practice through the adoption of ESC curricula and guidelines. I have worked with the Union of European Medical Specialists as Cardiology Section vice-president for training, to develop and continually improve educational opportunities, harmonise post-graduate training and expand continuing professional development.

I believe that digital cardiology and artificial intelligence are essential to improve the safety and effectiveness of cardiovascular healthcare delivery. Through my role as Chief Clinical Information Officer in a leading NHS Hospital Trust, I work with my team to deliver digital transformation – taking new technology into frontline clinical practice, and generating high-quality routinely collected data for research and comprehensive real time audit. Only with appropriate digital systems can we achieve the potential of precision medicine and artificial intelligence to improve patient outcomes and build continuously learning healthcare systems. Working with the Digital Cardiology and Artificial Intelligence Committee to develop curricula and promote digital education, I believe we can improve patient care and up-skill the wider cardiology workforce of the future.

The ESC is a strong and growing community of early-career cardiovascular professionals, senior cardiologists, nurses, scientists and other healthcare specialists. Supported by our fantastic team of ESC staff, we have a great opportunity to deepen our collaborations within Heart Teams and across healthcare systems, advocate for improving cardiovascular health in our populations, and work together to deliver world-leading multi-disciplinary, evidence-based, digitally-enabled comprehensive cardiology services.

It would be a privilege to work more closely with the ESC board, continuing to advance and deliver the society's visionary strategic plan. I would like to thank you for considering my application.

Yours sincerely,

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