



Professor Franz Weidinger
Chair of the ESC Nominating Committee 2024-2026
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Dear Professor Weidinger,

Re: Application for Vice President of the European Society of Cardiology

I am excited to apply for the position of European Society of Cardiology Vice President.

This opportunity arises at a pivotal moment for the Society, as, despite significant advances in clinical care and public health policies, cardiovascular disease remains a major global health burden. For over 30 years, I have dedicated myself to managing patients with heart muscle disease. My contributions include disease gene identification, the development of risk assessment tools, biomarker discovery, and clinical trials. Throughout my cardiology career, I have engaged actively with the ESC and take pride in my numerous contributions. These include participation in educational activities, the development of clinical guidelines, the establishment of the ESC European Outcomes Research Programme registry on cardiomyopathies and the foundation of the ESC Council on Cardiovascular Genomics. Most recently, I was honoured to chair the ESC Heart Academy and to serve as an elected councillor on the ESC board.

I believe my experience and passion for translating cardiovascular science into patient benefit make me a strong candidate for the position of Vice President. My work is inherently collaborative, and I have a proven track record of organising and leading multidisciplinary teams. I take pride in my ability to inspire those around me, and I am a creative problem solver, an effective communicator, and have a bold vision for the future of cardiovascular medicine.

Delivery of affordable and impactful healthcare is a global challenge, and no single organisation can claim to have all the solutions. The ESC recognised this in its 2023-2028 strategy, which emphasised the need to earn trust and adapt to the evolving realities of local and global healthcare environments. To achieve this, I believe the Society must expand its partnerships worldwide to foster a collaborative effort toward solving the global healthcare crisis. Furthermore, the ESC should embrace new working methods, including digital health and artificial intelligence, while nurturing the human dimension of health and social care.

If I am successful in my application, I will promote the adoption of translational science that drives therapeutic innovation and training. I will achieve this through consultation and consensus, building on the strengths of the entire ESC community. A core principle of my vice-presidency will be to ensure that everyone, regardless of social background, ethnicity, or gender, benefits from the rewards of academic and clinical excellence. I will also honour my responsibility to maintain sustainable ESC finances and will advocate for strategic funding that fosters the entrepreneurial spirit of ESC members.

Since 1950, the ESC has been at the forefront of the fight against cardiovascular disease. Its influence relies on a unique partnership of 57 national cardiac societies and 49 affiliated organisations across every continent, which has enabled the Society to set benchmarks for education, training, and clinical practice. As Vice President, I will enhance the ESC's impact by championing innovation, collaboration, and inclusivity to ensure the organisation remains a global force in cardiovascular health.

Yours sincerely,

Perry Elliott