

I hereby apply for a position of vice president of the ESC board.

I am a professor of Cardiology at the Department of Medical Sciences and the Scientific director of Uppsala Clinical Research Center Uppsala University and a senior interventional cardiologist at Uppsala University Hospital. My roles as a clinician, teacher, mentor and researcher are closely integrated.

As part of my clinical work, I have developed continuous clinical registries. I chaired the steering committee for the national registry of interventional cardiology, SCAAR, for over ten years and developed the SWEDEHEART registry. The registry is collecting comprehensive data on all patients diagnosed with myocardial infarction, undergoing a cardiac procedure or secondary prevention follow up in Sweden. The registry works as an on-line tool quality improvement initiative on a local and national basis, and is used for therapeutic decision support as well as the basis for over 50 publications in high ranked journals annually. From that position I have been involved in proposing and developing EuroHeart that is now a core activity in the ESC and has expanded to 15 countries. I am currently chairing the ESC data science committee that is coordinating and overseeing all registry and data activities within the ESC.

I have been the PI and steering committee member of numerous international trials sponsored by industry and academia and spent a full year as a visiting associate professor at Duke University. I have a very strong international network and have served on task forces in American and other international professional organizations and authorities such as the FDA. I have been heavily involved in initiating and running clinical trials of clinically important questions related to pharmacological therapies, medical devices and clinical strategies and technologies and pioneered the concept of registry based clinical trials. Results from my research have changed international guidelines.

Based on providing patients the best possible evidence-based care I am dedicated to promote scientific activities in education, research, guidelines and clinical care. The ESC has given me numerous opportunities to serve on various task forces and committees. Over the years I have got to know the society and been increasingly engaged. I believe that my experience and role in Swedish and international cardiology may contribute to work of ESC.

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