

November 30, 2025

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

Re: Application to serve as President Elect of the ESC Board 2026-2028

Dear Professor Franz Weidinger

I am writing to express my sincere motivation to serve as President Elect of the European Society of Cardiology (ESC) Board for the 2026-2028 term.

A Fellow of the ESC since 2006, I have been honoured to contribute to our community in multiple leadership roles, including ESC Vice-President, ESC Councillor, and active member of several key committees—among them the Congress Programme, Communication, e-Communications, Media, Global Affairs, Advocacy, and Declaration of Interests. Most recently, as Vice-President, I was responsible for ESC Working Groups and Councils, which allowed me to work closely with diverse professionals dedicated to advancing cardiovascular science, improving prevention, and elevating patient care across Europe and beyond. These experiences have deepened my appreciation for the ESC's mission and reinforced my commitment to shaping its strategic evolution.

My career in cardiovascular medicine has afforded me international recognition, and I remain deeply grateful for the respect and trust I have earned within our community. I believe these achievements are rooted in my integrity, steadfast work ethic, and commitment to scientific and clinical excellence. My ability to lead teams, promote consensus, resolve conflict diplomatically, and collaborate with partners both within and outside the medical field, including health authorities and industry, has been essential to my contributions to the ESC.

I take pride in being an engaging communicator and a supportive, forward-looking team leader. My open-mindedness, respect for democratic processes, and sensitivity to cultural and geographical diversity guide my approach to leadership. I am firmly committed to upholding the ESC ethical code and contributing actively to the ESC strategic plan. Above all, I am dedicated to promoting the ESC as the leading professional organisation in cardiovascular medicine and ensuring that it remains perceived as trustworthy, relevant, and impactful by healthcare professionals, scientists, patients, citizens, and all stakeholders in healthcare and research.

With a comprehensive understanding of the ESC's structure and dynamics, and with deep gratitude for the opportunities the Society has provided, I feel ready to assume the responsibilities of President Elect. I will work tirelessly to serve our Members and Constituent Bodies, and to continue advancing the ESC's global leadership in cardiovascular medicine.

Thank you for considering my application.

Yours sincerely,

Carlos Aguiar