

I hereby apply for a position of councilor 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 practising senior consultant cardiologist in interventional cardiology at Uppsala University Hospital.

I am a specialist in internal medicine and Cardiology and have a long clinical career. My current clinical work is concentrated around the care of patients with acute coronary syndromes and percutaneous coronary and valve interventions.

My roles as a clinician, teacher, mentor and researcher are closely integrated to the Department of Interventional Cardiology and to Uppsala Clinical Research Center.

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. Most of my research ideas are starting in the catheterization laboratory with patients. Results from my research have changed international guidelines. Examples are; The use of thrombus aspiration has been downgraded and reduced, ticagrelor has become one of the most commonly prescribed pharmaceutical agents for myocardial infarction and the use of oxygen for myocardial infarction has been limited to patients with hypoxemia.

As part of my clinical work, I have developed a system of routine collection of blood samples from patients with acute coronary syndromes for research purposes. All hospitalized patients are asked about donation of plasma serially at two different occasions. The process is fully integrated in the routine health care and the samples are handled and frozen for future biochemical analyses.

As part of my clinical work, I have developed continuous clinical registries. I chaired the steering committee for the national registry of interventional cardiology, (Swedish Coronary Angiography and Angioplasty registry-SCAAR) for over ten years and was part of the group that 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.

I am the past president of the Swedish Cardiac Society and have served the ESC in numerous task forces, working groups and associations. I am currently representing the board as chair of the Scientific Documents committee and co-chair of the Clinical Practise guidelines committee.

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.

Stefan James