

Professor Susanna Price

**In support of application to serve as Vice-President of the European Society of Cardiology
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Dear Professor Achenbach,

I am writing this letter of motivation in support of my application to serve as Vice President of the ESC for the upcoming term.

My journey with the ESC began in 2006 through the WG in Acute Cardiac Care. As one of the few cardiologists who are also fully trained as in intensive care medicine, working clinically in a highly specialised cardiothoracic intensive care unit at the Royal Brompton hospital and in academic partnership with the National Heart & Lung Institute at Imperial College, London I was provided with a distinctive blend of clinical and academic experience. This background and experience coupled with my leadership capabilities, subsequently led to me being appointed to key roles during critical times, including the COVID-19 pandemic, and also in strategic roles at local, regional, national and international levels.

My involvement with the ESC has provided me with the opportunity to work alongside and learn from extraordinary professionals in every cardiovascular specialty from across Europe and beyond, committed to improving the outcomes of patients with cardiovascular disease. The roles I have been privileged to undertake include being President of an Association (ACVC), serving as a Councillor to the board (2020-2022), Chairing the Education Committee of the ESC (2020-) and being a member of a number of key committees and Task Forces. These experiences have provided me with valuable insights and a deep appreciation for the diverse aspects of cardiovascular medicine and the structure and function of the ESC and its constituent bodies.

In aspiring to the role of Vice-President, I see a unique opportunity not only to lead, but also to serve. My goal is to be a strong advocate for the subspecialties and National Cardiac Societies, as well as the broader cardiological community, whilst recognising the fundamental importance of core cardiology and, most crucially, our patients. Recognising the profound technological advancements and significant demographic shifts that are reshaping our profession, I understand these changes bring both challenges and opportunities. These require foresight and adaptability, qualities I am ready to bring to the forefront. With the ESC's new strategic plan as a pivotal framework in this respect, I am keen to contribute to this progressive transformation, particularly with a focus on fostering the development cardiologists and cardiovascular healthcare professionals who are well-equipped for the future.

My candidacy is underpinned by a passion for cardiology and a steadfast commitment to the values and mission of the ESC. I approach the possibility of serving as Vice-President with humility and eagerness to collaborate. I wish to elevate the discourse around cardiovascular health in public health domains, enhancing awareness and influencing health policies, with a keen ear attuned to the needs and perspectives of everyone at the heart of our field. My broad professional base, collaborative style and ethic of meticulous integrity, combined with my knowledge of the workings of the ESC and its constituent bodies, I believe, equip me to contribute effectively to this role.

I am committed to working closely with colleagues, members and stakeholders to further the ESC's vision and goals, fostering an environment of inclusivity, innovation and excellence. I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to be considered for this role, and it would be an honour to continue to contribute to our community in this new and exciting capacity.

Thank you for your consideration,

Yours sincerely,
Susanna Price