

Dear Professor Achenbach,

I wish to express my strong interest in being considered for an ESC Nominating Committee Member position.

I am working as a consultant cardiologist – currently under St Thomas and Royal Brompton – for the last 10 years. I am specialised in valvular heart disease and imaging. I hold a position as an Associate Professor in Cardiology at Kings College. For the last 4,5 years I served as an editor in chief for JACC Case Reports and now I am proud to have moved under ESC journals, as a senior editor of EHJ-IMP. Furthermore, I am proud to be chairing the task force for women in imaging, under EACVI., In 2013 I chaired the young community for EACVI for 3 years and then I served as the lead for the ESC education clinical case gallery. I have dedicated myself to fairness, equity and diversity across cardiology and I sponsor equally young male and female colleagues.

It will be an honour to serve to serve the ESC mission, to fully respect the code of conduct and all ESC Board policies, and to lead the further development of the organisation, including implementation of the ESC strategic plan. I will ensure respect of the code of conduct and ESC board policies. ESC is the world leading organisation and I am daily inspired and motivated to be working with incredible colleagues such as yourself.

I have already obtained the endorsement of Professor Steffen Petersen, EACVI president who sent his recommendation to you directly and I have completed all documents. I also send a copy of my CV. If this needs to be shorter, I am happy to provide a 2 pages CV. My disclosures agreement is complete.

Thank you for granting me the opportunity to apply for this position. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

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