

Dear Members of the Council for Basic Cardiovascular Science,

It is a great honor to serve as Chair of the Council for Basic Cardiovascular Science (CBCS) for the next two years. I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to our outgoing Chair, Professor Hans Wojta, for his outstanding leadership over the past two years. I also want to thank our Nucleus and Board members for their enthusiastic support.

As we look ahead, I would like to share some key priorities for CBCS that build on our past successes and identify areas where we can evolve and flourish.

Supporting Early Career Researchers

Our commitment to fostering the next generation of scientists remains unwavering. Initiatives such as grants, prizes for scientific excellence, the Summer School, and the Scientists of Tomorrow group will continue to be central to our mission. These programmes not only support the development of young researchers but also celebrate their contributions to the field.

Strengthening Connections with Basic Science Working Groups

The CBCS was established to support the activities of the basic science Working Groups (WGs) and affiliated societies, including generating session proposals for congress and Frontiers in CardioVascular Biomedicine (FCVB). Over time, this interaction has drifted, so we are taking steps to rebuild and strengthen these relationships. This will include holding more regular meetings with the CBCS Board, which comprises representatives from each WG and affiliated society. These meetings will provide a platform to discuss ongoing activities, offer feedback on session proposals and scientific statements, and promote greater transparency and collaboration across our community.

Bridging Basic and Clinical Science

The ESC holds the basic science community in high regard; however, there exists a perception that we sometimes operate in a separate sphere. I strongly believe that bridging the gap between basic and clinical science is essential for progress. Congress, with its 30,000 attending clinicians, offers a unique opportunity to foster this interaction.

Let's focus on creating activities—scientific sessions, statements, and more—that highlight the connection between basic science and clinical perspectives. Basic science thrives when it engages with real-world applications, and we can play a pivotal role in ensuring this synergy within the ESC.

Paul Evans,
Chairperson of the Council for Basic Cardiovascular Science – 2024 -2026