

## **Motivation letter: ESC Elections 2024-2026**

I am submitting my candidacy for the position of the member of the Nominating committee of ESC in the forthcoming elections. Enclosed are endorsements from the National cardiology Society and from EHRA.

I have been working in clinical medicine since 1983 and last 30 years as cardiologist-electrophysiologist. I am one of the pioneers of modern clinical electrophysiology in the Czech Republic, especially in the field of catheter ablation and cardiac resynchronization therapy. I also helped to develop such services in many other countries as a proctor. I am the main organizer of Prague Rhythm ablation workshop for 25 years and organized many educational workshops and symposia.

I worked for ESC in many positions, first as a member of Educational Committee, later as a member of ESC congress committee, a member of the Board (Councillor in 2010-2012) and a member of nominating committee (2020-2022). I am a member of EHRA from its foundation and served as a Board member (Treasurer) and in many of the committees as a member. I am also for many years a member of the Board of the Czech Society of Cardiology and its Association on Arrhythmias.

If elected to the position of the member of Nominating committee, I will use all my experience to help to select the best candidates for ESC elections.

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