



## CHARLES UNIVERSITY Third Faculty of Medicine

Motivation letter

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I am involved in Research and clinical care for stroke patients since 2010. I was the founding chair of the ESC Council on Stroke in 2016-2018. Due to the internal ESC regulations I had to step out from the Council nucleus during the next period. My interest in stroke continues – e.g. as evidenced by my recent paper in the European Heart Journal (attached).

Thus I would be honoured to be considered again for the ESC Council on Stroke nucleus position.

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Born March 29, 1954 in Prague, Czechoslovakia.

MD. degree obtained at the Charles University, Prague in 1979. Board certifications from internal medicine (two levels: 1982 and 1987) and cardiology (1992). Licence for interventional cardiology (1994). Since 1979 working in the University Hospital „Kralovske Vinohrady“ in Prague in positions as research fellow, resident, assistant professor (1983), associated professor (1991), full professor (1998).

**In 1995 founded the Cardiocenter (new departments of cardiology & cardiac surgery) at the Third Faculty of Medicine, Charles University & University Hospital „Kralovske Vinohrady“, Prague, Czech Republic. Head of this center until now.**

In 1986 and 1990-91 spent 15 months at the Thoraxcenter, Erasmus University Rotterdam as research fellow. In 1992 - 1994 he spent several periods of interventional cardiology training (together 15 months) at the Thoraxcentrum Zwolle, the Netherlands.

**Published 635 papers (as registered in WoS), 421 of them registered at the US National Library of Medicine (PubMed).** The first author in 85 of these papers. Published 21 teaching or research textbooks or chapters in textbooks (last two: „Neurocardiology“ in 2021 and large textbook „Internal medicine“ in 2023). **Science Citations Index provides 96 515 citations. Hirsch Index is 100.**

In 1983 PhD. (theses „Echocardiography in coronary artery disease“), in 1984 winner of the „Young Cardiologists Award“ of the East European Countries. In 1995 DrSc (doctor of sciences) based on work "Myocardial function and perfusion in coronary artery disease".

**Since 1997 leader and main author of the multicentric randomized national studies "PRAGUE", presented 13-times at the prestigious sessions (Hot Line, Late Breaking) of major cardiology congresses (currently studies up to PRAGUE-26 are running).**

In 2000–2003 period **vice-rector of the Charles University Prague**, the Charles University awarded Gold Medal in 2003. In 2010-18 vice-dean for research at the 3rd Faculty of Medicine, Charles University, Prague. **Elected Dean of this faculty for 2018 – 2022 and re-elected for 2022 - 2026 period.**

In 1988 one of the "**Founding Fellows of the European Society of Cardiology**" (FESC. diploma nr. 29). **Between 2004 – 2008 member of the Board of the European Society of Cardiology (2006 - 2008 ESC vice-president).** In 2008 awarded by the first Silver Medal of the European Society of Cardiology, in 2013 as Andreas Gruntzig awardee for interventional cardiology second Silver Medal of the ESC. **In 2014 Gold Medal of the European Society of Cardiology. In 2008 – 2010 founder and first chairman of the „Stent For Life“ project (EAPCI). In 2016-2018 founder and first chairman of the ESC Council on Stroke.** Honorary Member of the British Cardiovascular Society, Polish Society of Cardiology, Hungarian Society of Cardiology, Slovak Society of Cardiology, Czech Society of Cardiology.

Since 1998 close collaboration with the OASIS Study Group (prof. Salim Yusuf) by the McMaster University in Hamilton, Canada (many papers together – see the list of publications). Close cooperation

with TIMI Study Group (prof. Braunwald) including several papers together. As Dean of the Medical Faculty promoted professor Braunwald (2013) and professor Yusuf (2018) to the Honorary Doctor Award of the Charles University.

In 2005-15 chairman of the National Board for Accreditation in Cardiology at the Czech Ministry of Health. **In 2011 awarded (by the Czech Prime Minister) the Czech National Research prize „The Czech Head 2011“ (the single most prestigious research award in the country). In the 2011 - 2015 president of the Czech Society of Cardiology, during his presidency C.S.C. was awarded by WHO prize in Geneva.** In 2015-19 vice-president of the Czech Society of Cardiology.

Between 2015 - 2020 recognized by Thomson Reuters / Clarivate as **the most cited Czech physician and listed among the best scientists in the world** (0.1% from all cited scientists).

In 2016 awarded the prestigious **Mensa Honorary Recognition „for the substantial contribution to the intellectual level of the Czech nation and propagating the country across the world“.**

In 2017 awarded by the Charles University prize „Donatio Universitatis Carolinae“. In 2018 awarded by the Semmelweis University prize (Budapest, Hungary).

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