



To: **Presidents & Secretaries of the National Societies**
Presidents/Presidents-Elect & Secretaries of the Associations
Chairs & Vice-Chairpersons of the Working Groups
Chairs/Vice-Chairs & Secretaries of the Councils

Copy for information to:

Members of the Nominating Committee
Members of the ESC Board

Sophia Antipolis, September 14, 2015

Dear Colleagues,

I am writing to you in my capacity as Chairman of the Nominating Committee of the European Society of Cardiology for the period 2014-2016.

The Nominating Committee is responsible for proposing candidates for election to:

- The position of President elect 2016-2018 to become President for the period 2018-2020
- The Board of the ESC for the period 2016-2018
- The Audit Committee member of the ESC for the period 2016-2020
- The Nominating Committee of the ESC for the period 2016-2018

The call for candidates officially opens on **14 September** and closes on **23 November 2015**.

I would like to draw your attention to a few important points in this regard, according to the ESC Statutes:

- 1. Election to the Board:** the Nominating Committee should propose more than one candidate for each voting position of the new Board. You are invited to propose names for the positions of President-Elect, Secretary-Treasurer, three Vice-Presidents and six Councillors.
 - 1.1** All candidates for voting members of the Board positions need to be Fellows of the ESC in good standing
 - 1.2** Proposed candidates must be eligible according to the ESC Statutes and not have served in the same position in the past
 - 1.3** Candidates for the position of President-Elect must be currently serving or have served in the immediately preceding Board as voting members or ex-officio voting members of the Board
 - 1.4** The Constituent Bodies have the right and obligation to officially propose names of candidates, clearly stating the Board position for each of them. The Constituent Bodies can propose a candidate for one or more Board positions as shown below:

Mr/Mrs Brown is proposed to serve as either:

 - *Vice President of the ESC Board 2016-2018 or*
 - *Councillor of the ESC Board 2016-2018*

In this call for candidates, I would greatly appreciate your sending only names of candidates to be considered. The proposed candidates will be contacted to accept nomination, and related National Societies will be then contacted to endorse their candidates.

In order to complete the candidacies to be considered by the Nominating Committee, candidates will need to provide:

- A letter of support of at least one Constituent Body other than their National Cardiac Society
- A short CV
- A letter of motivation
- An ESC declaration of interests (DOI) form using the ESC standard template
- The Code of conduct form duly signed

2. Election to the Audit Committee: the Audit Committee consists of five members. The Ordinary General Assembly shall elect two members of the Audit Committee; one to represent the National Societies and one to represent the Associations, Councils and Working Groups. They shall serve for a four-year term.

3. Election to the Nominating Committee: the Committee should also propose candidates for the new Nominating Committee: (i) a minimum of nine candidates, and no more than twelve, from the National Societies; and (ii) a minimum of nine candidates, and no more than twelve, from Associations, Councils and Working Groups.

You are invited to propose one or more names. We need to elect 12 members for the new Nominating Committee, six of whom will represent the National Societies and six will represent the Associations, Working Groups and Councils. Please note that members of the Nominating Committee are only eligible for a Board position 2 years after they finish their mandate at the Nominating Committee.

Proposed candidates who accept nomination will need to provide:

- A letter of support of their National Society *or* of another Constituent Body
- A short CV
- A letter of motivation
- An ESC declaration of interests (DOI) form using the ESC standard template

Timelines of the election:

1. The slate with the proposals from the Nominating Committee for the Board, Audit and Nominating Committee will be sent to the Constituent Bodies on **Monday/Tuesday 25/26 January 2016**.
2. Starting from **Tuesday 26 January 2016**, the Constituent Bodies can make counterproposals if they feel that other names should be put on the list for the vote. The deadline for reception of counterproposals is **Monday 29 February 2016**. Counterproposals can only be accepted according to Article 16: "Alternative candidates to those selected by the Nominating Committee can be proposed by National Societies, Associations, Councils and Working Groups. Those alternative candidates must be seconded in writing by the ESC Constituent Bodies representing at least fifty one (51) per cent (%) of

the votes at the last General Assembly. Such proposals are to be sent to the immediate Past President who chairs the Nominating Committee, no later than one month after the list of candidates selected by the Nominating Committee has been announced.”

3. The final slate will be announced by the Nominating Committee on **Tuesday 1 March 2016**.
4. Selected candidates for the position of President-Elect will present their manifesto in a 15-minute presentation at the Spring Summit (**2-3 March 2016** at the Heart House).
5. The election for all positions will be conducted by postal ballot. This will be run by a legal office in France.
The Constituent Bodies will be asked to send in the names of their voting delegates between **Tuesday 1 March 2016** and **Friday 15 April 2016**. Voting packages will be sent to these delegates as from **Monday 09 May 2014**.
Deadline for reception of votes at the Notary office will be Friday 24 June 2016.
6. The results of the elections will be announced on **Monday 4 July 2016**.
7. In case of inconclusive results, a second round of voting will be conducted at the Voting Bureau during the ESC Congress 2016 in Rome.

Please send your proposals/candidates before the deadline of 23 November 2015 to Sandy PARISSI, the Secretary of the Nominating Committee, by e-mail to the following address: escelections2016@escardio.org

With warm personal regards



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Immediate Past-President, European Society of Cardiology

- Encl. List of positions to be elected in 2016
Election 2016 timelines
ESC Statutes 2014
Code of conduct form to be signed
Declaration of interests ESC form
CV template



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