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Prof. Roberto Ferrari
Chairman of the Nominating Committee
European Society of Cardiology

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RE: Motivation Letter for my candidacy to Councillorship position in ESC Elections 2012 -2014

Dear Chairman Professor Ferrari,

I am most honored to be nominated as a candidate for Councillor of the European Society of Cardiology (ESC) Board by the Turkish Society of Cardiology. Having taken leading responsibilities in our society and other cardiology societies, research programs at different capacities at national and international levels with a strong desire to actively contribute to the mission of the European Society of Cardiology; I hereby accept this nomination with enthusiasm and high motivation.

I have been working as the President of the Board of the Turkish Society of Cardiology (TSC) since 2010 after successfully serving as the President Elect (2008-2010), as the Secretary General (in 2002-2004 and 2004-2006) and as a member of the Board (2000-2002).

I presided the Scientific Committee of our Society during the preparation and realization of its 18, 19, 24 and 25th National Congresses besides planning and realization of the annual CME programs.

I also played important roles in designing and conducting large scale national research projects besides actively participating in the Turkish side of several international studies.

These positions helped me to learn and master the planning, organizing, functioning with efficiency; to control and reorganize the specialty society working for improvement of the specialty in scientific and clinical terms besides development of the public awareness.

I share the honor of participating and contributing in almost all ESC activities for the prevention and control of cardiovascular diseases as well as developing the first National Heart Health Policy of Turkey that led to the reorganization of the Turkish Ministry of Health and adoption of the CVD Prevention and Control Strategies and Programs at the national level.

I also served in the Education Committee of the ESC in 2004-2006 during the preparation of the ESC Curriculum in Cardiology that we also translated into Turkish and distributed to all of the academic institutions to be discussed and adopted.

I also took significant assignments in foundation and improvement of the Turkish Board for Accreditation in Cardiology (TBAC) that succeeded in realizing 9 qualifying and 21 certifying examinations since its foundation in 2004. TBAC issued more than 600 certificates after all of



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these examinations for the volunteering participants who succeeded in the examinations. TBAC also started certification of training programs and centers in the last two years.

I also took active role in all the ESC Spring Summits and Congresses since 2000 and have been promoting integration of Turkey to the European practice by supporting and leading translation of the ESC Guidelines into Turkish regularly and encouraging implementation through training and educational efforts.

I would like to note that our efforts and close collaboration with the Turkish Ministry of Health to reduce cardiovascular morbidity and mortality in Turkey have shown great progress during the past seven years. As a result, the TSC has been awarded as the most successful NGO in Turkey and pioneered the medical societies to start and develop public awareness projects for health. These activities significantly raised the visibility and social status of our organization.

I also worked for improving international relations and collaboration with the member societies of the ESC and we organized regular joint meetings and joint sessions mutually in our national congresses and I strongly believe that these collaborations will contribute a lot to the future joint projects among member societies and encourage their participation in the ESC projects.

In an eventual position of Councillor of the ESC Board, I would be able not only to continue my current efforts, but also to promote, help and coordinate the ESC mission to improve and standardize cardiovascular healthcare in Europe. I consider this nomination as a great honor. I am ready to take on the responsibilities of this position. In case of election, I declare to do my best to serve well for the ESC and to meet the expectations of its Members and Structures.

I once again express my commitment to this highly honourable position and I would like to wish the ESC an excellent composition of the Board for the next term.

Sincerely yours,

Prof. Oktay Ergene, MD, FESC
President