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## Nominations for the Board of the European Society of Cardiology for the period 2012-2014

To the Members of the Nominating Committee of the European Society of Cardiology

**Finnish Cardiac Society has a great pleasure in proposing Professor Heikki Huikuri (FESC) for the Board of the European Society of Cardiology (ESC) as a Councillor for the period 2012-2014.**

Professor Heikki Huikuri has been a Member of the European Society of Cardiology (ESC) since 1983 and a Fellow (FESC) since 1994. He has served ESC as a Member of the Lectures and Award Committee in 2004 - 2006, Member of the Nominating Committee of the Board in 2006 - 2008 and Member of the Accreditation Committee of Subspecialty in Electrophysiology of the European Heart Rhythm Association (EHRA) in 2004 - 2007. This experience has given him insight on the versatility of the activities of the ESC and the realization of the importance of a teamwork and co-operation in all levels.

Professor Heikki Huikuri can offer ESC a vast comprehension and experience on harmonizing and promoting the education and training of European cardiologists. He has a substantial background in the development of education and training in cardiology, both at the national and European level. He has served the Union of European Medical Specialists (UEMS) Cardiology Section as a Member of the Steering Committee in 2001 - 2003, Secretary in 2003 - 2006, President 2006 - 2009 and Past President 2009-2011. During his term, the section has put more emphasis also on continuous medical training and re-certification of cardiologist. During his presidency of the UEMS cardiology section, the minimal requirements of cardiology training have been up-dated and the collaboration between the UEMS cardiology section and the European Board of the Specialists of Cardiology (EBSC) has been strong. On a national society level he for example had a major role in increasing the number of positions of trainees in cardiology in Finland. He still has the craving to be an innovator for new and advantageous ways of promoting cardiology as a profession in Europe.

Professor Heikki Huikuri is a member of several professional organizations and scientific societies at the national and international level. This has given him an excellent insight on the different issues and themes that the societies are dealing with, and how the international level can support the national societies and colleagues in efforts to promote cardiology as a profession.

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Professor Huikuri has had numerous oral or poster presentations at national and international scientific meetings and he has been a Chairman and organizer of several national and international scientific meetings. He has experience in being a director of a multinational research group, chairman of a trial steering committees, and supervisor of several PhD theses of young cardiologists. He is a member of the European Guidelines Committee of Diabetes and Cardiovascular Diseases. He has authored numerous papers and also serves on many editorial boards of different journals, including Editor-in-Chief of the Frontiers in Clinical and Translational Physiology. His main focus on the scientific research is Phenotype and Genotype Risk Profiles in Sudden Cardiac Death. He has had significant scientific output for example on identification of autonomic nervous regulation as a predictor of mortality and sudden cardiac death in various population and patient samples and characterization of non-linear properties of heart rate dynamics as a risk factor. His background in science and research gives him an excellent insight for the promotion of research in the field of cardiology.

During his career Professor Huikuri has received several awards, for example Maud Kuistila Prize for a Highly Merited Trainer of Young Investigators and Pentti Halonen Award for Distinguished Cardiologists (Prize is awarded as a recognition of significant work as a clinical cardiologist, innovator of cardiology, and as a merited trainer of young cardiologists and trainees in cardiology).

Currently Professor Huikuri is the Acting Professor of Internal Medicine (Cardiology) at the University of Oulu, Finland, and he also serves the position of Director of the Institute of Clinical Medicine at the University of Oulu, Finland. He has excellent experience in leadership, decision-making and administration. We have the pleasure of nominating an outstanding scientist, excellent teacher and highly esteemed colleague to a Counsellor position at the ESC Board 2012-2014. Please, find enclosed the CV and letter of motivation of Professor Huikuri.

Professor Huikuri is familiar with the high demanding work in the ESC Board and he is willing and motivated to work for the benefit of all members of the ESC.

We hope that our proposal will have support and an excellent candidate will be able to give his contribution the European Society of Cardiology.

With best regards  
Sincerely

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