

## The ESC Board 2020–2022

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The European Society of Cardiology (ESC) is one of the largest professional societies in medicine. Indeed, it currently has over 100,000 members from 57 countries, 7 ESC Associations and 15 ESC working groups and for its major educational programmes, such as the Annual ESC Congress, and the congresses of the ESC associations, it is able to welcome thousands of attendees. Its journals are widely read and amongst the best in their field. The ESC Guidelines are downloaded several hundred thousand times a year and are highly cited in the medical literature. Finally, in 2019, the ESC Textbook of Cardiovascular Medicine was named as the best textbook in cardiology by the British Medical Association and enjoys a large number of visits on its electronic platform: [ESC CardioMed](#).

Such a huge society requires an effective board, as well as a competent management committee, to manage all its activities and assure proper governance and financing. To that end, every two years new positions are announced and candidates are eventually selected by the ESC Nomination Committee, chaired by the past president. Eventually, the candidates selected have to face elections, whereby all national societies, ESC Associations and ESC Working Groups have a number of votes according to their size and importance.

The ESC Nominations Committee of the ESC Board 2020–2022 was chaired by the past ESC President, Professor Jeroen Bax from Leiden University in the Netherlands, and met in January 2020. After the call for elections in November 2019, a number of candidates applied, and eventually the ESC Nominations Committee selected two candidates each for President Elect and Secretary/Treasurer as well as five candidates for the three positions of Vice-President. Finally, for the six councillor positions, twelve candidates were selected.

The elections of the constituent bodies of the European Society of Cardiology took place in June this year and, after the votes were counted, the new board 2020–2022 has been voted in ([fig. 1 and 2](#)).

As such, the ESC Management Committee, which is primarily responsible for the operation of the ESC, will consist of the new President (elected in 2018), Professor Stephan Achenbach from Erlangen University, Germany, the Past President, Professor Barbara Casadei from Oxford University, UK and the new President-Elect, Professor Franz Weidinger from Vienna, Austria, together with the Secretary/Treasurer, Professor Thomas F. Lüscher from Imperial College London, UK and the University of Zurich, Switzerland, as well as three Vice-Presidents,

Figure 1: Result of the elections.

### RESULT OF THE 2020 ESC ELECTIONS - Newly elected officers

- President-Elect**
  - Franz Weidinger (Austria)
- Secretary/Treasurer**
  - Thomas Lüscher (United Kingdom)
- Vice Presidents (3 positions)**
  - Francesco Cosentino (Sweden)
  - Silvia Priori (Italy)
  - Petar Seferovic (Serbia)
- Councillors (6 positions)**
  - Stefan Agewall (Norway)
  - Lina Badimon (Spain)
  - Victoria Delgado (Netherlands)
  - Dan Gaita (Romania)
  - Massimo Piepoli (Italy)
  - Susanna Price (United Kingdom)

namely Professor Francesco Cosentino from Karolinska University in Stockholm, Sweden (an alumnus of the University of Zurich), Professor Sylvia Priori from Pavia University, Italy and Petr Seferovic from Belgrade, Serbia.

It remains the privilege of the incoming ESC President to nominate a number of individuals for special tasks within his board, which will be presented after the online ESC Congress 2020, which will take place on 29 August to 2 September 2020.

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Figure 2: The new board of the European Society of Cardiology.

## ESC BOARD 2020-2022

**MANAGEMENT GROUP**

<b>President</b>  Stephan ACHENBACH	<b>Past President</b>  Barbara CASADEI	<b>President Elect</b>  Franz WEIDINGER	<b>Secretary/Treasurer</b>  Thomas LÜSCHER	<b>Vice President</b>  Francesco COSENTINO	<b>Vice President</b>  Silvia PIROE	<b>Vice President</b>  Petar SEFEROVIC	<b>Advisor to ESC Board</b>  Anis NASSIF	<b>Advisor to ESC Board</b>  Heinrich KOLEM	<b>Advisor to Management Group</b>  Jonathan SELLORS	<b>ESC CEO</b>  Isabel BARDINET <small>ex officio</small>
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**COUNCILLORS**

<b>Councillor</b>  Stefan AGEVALL <small>Young Cardiovascular Professionals &amp; Scientists</small>	<b>Councillor</b>  Lisa BADIMON <small>Patient Forum Women in ESC</small>	<b>Councillor</b>  Victoria DELGADO <small>Social Media</small>	<b>Councillor</b>  Dai GAITA <small>Atlas Data Collection Committee</small>	<b>Councillor</b>  Massimo PIEPOLI <small>Credentials</small>	<b>Councillor</b>  Suzanna PRICE <small>Education</small>
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**ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVES**

<b>ACNAP</b>  Lil NEUBECK	<b>ACEVC</b>  Christian HASSAGER	<b>EACVI</b>  Bernard COSYNS	<b>EHRA</b>  Christophe LECLERCQ	<b>EAPC</b>  Martin HALLE	<b>EAPCI</b>  Dariusz DUDEK	<b>HFA</b>  Andrea COATS
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**EX-OFFICIO BOARD MEMBERS (BOARD COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS)**

<b>Committee Chairperson</b>  Hugo KATUS <small>Advocacy Committee</small>	<b>Committee Chairperson</b>  Colin BAGENT <small>Clinical Practice Guidelines Committee</small>	<b>Committee Chairperson</b>  Carlos AGUIAR <small>Communications Committee</small>	<b>Committee Chairperson</b>  Stephan WINDECKER <small>Congress Programme Committee</small>	<b>Committee Chairperson</b>  Bogdan POPESCU <small>EDRP Committee</small>
<b>Committee Chairperson</b>  Diederick GROBEE <small>Global Affairs Committee</small>	<b>Committee Chairperson</b>  Paulus KIRCHHOF <small>Membership Committee</small>	<b>Committee Chairperson</b>  Tomasz GUZIK <small>Publications Committee</small>	<b>Committee Chairperson</b>  Stephanie DIMMELER <small>Research &amp; Grants Committee</small>	<b>Committee Chairperson</b>  Allan BÖHM <small>Committee for Young Cardiovascular Professionals</small>

**OTHER COMMITTEE & TASK FORCE CHAIRPERSONS**

<b>Committee Chairperson</b>  Martin COWIE <small>Digital Health Committee</small>	<b>Committee Chairperson</b>  Günther BREITHARDT <small>DOI Committee</small>	<b>Committee Chairperson</b>  Susanna PRICE <small>Education Committee</small>	<b>Committee Chairperson</b>  Francesco COSENTINO <small>Partnership Policy Committee</small>
<b>Committee Chairperson</b>  Piotr SZYMANSKI <small>Regulatory Affairs Committee</small>	<b>Task Force Chairperson</b>  Sarah CLARKE <small>Statutes Revision Task Force</small>	<b>Chairperson</b>  Perry ELLIOTT <small>European Heart Academy</small>	<b>Chairperson</b>  Adam TIMMIS <small>European Heart Health Institute</small>