

## The EAPCI Elections 2016: making a fundamental contribution to the advancement of our Association



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Next year there will be important elections for the new Board of the European Association of Percutaneous Cardiovascular Interventions (EAPCI), which will take office and serve your Association for the period May 2016 - May 2018. Applications are open for the positions of President-Elect, secretary, and treasurer. Under the guidance of the current EAPCI past-president Jean Fajadet a nominating committee has been selected consisting of seven distinguished and well-known interventional cardiologists who met during the recent ESC congress in London. On 15th September 2015, the official announcement and “call for” was launched. Applications will be considered up until the deadline of 30th November 2015.

The election candidates will be selected by the EAPCI Nominating Committee between December 2015 and mid January 2016. The EAPCI Nominating Committee has the responsibility to propose a balanced list of candidates for all positions, ensuring a cross-section of members from different countries and with different interests. Candidates may be invited to meet via phone conference with the EAPCI Nominating Committee as part of the final selection process, the date of which will be confirmed in due course.

Hereafter, the announcement of candidates will occur via e-newsletters, the EAPCI website, and EuroIntervention mid-January 2016 followed by the online voting period from 30th January to 29th February, 2016. The election results will be officially announced during the EAPCI general assembly at EuroPCR in Paris next May.

### The EAPCI President-Elect, the EAPCI Secretary and the EAPCI Treasurer positions

The EAPCI President-Elect will automatically assume the office of President of the EAPCI after two years and acts on behalf of the President when needed. The responsibilities include interacting openly and transparently with the ESC Board, acting as representative or spokesperson of the EAPCI, ascertaining in partnership with the EAPCI President that the Board focuses on strategic planning and policy development, performing the duties of the EAPCI President in case of absence or incapacity including completing the Presidential term in the event of a vacancy, managing assignments given by the President or the EAPCI Board, making recommendations on work processes and volunteers' assignments, ascertaining together with the EAPCI Executive Board continuity in EAPCI leadership before taking office as President, considering and preparing Board-appointed Committees for the coming two years, including renewal of Chairpersons and members as needed.

The EAPCI Secretary role and responsibilities are to act as representative or spokesperson of the EAPCI, ascertain in partnership with the President that the EAPCI Board focuses on strategic planning and policy development, provide guidance to the EAPCI President and Board on statutory and organisational matters, manage assignments given by the President or the EAPCI Board and ensure continuity in the activities of the EAPCI, supervise and keep records of the EAPCI Board minutes, activities and

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membership in close cooperation with the European Heart House dedicated staff and make recommendations on work processes and volunteers' assignments.

The EAPCI Treasurer role and responsibilities are to act as representative or spokesperson of the EAPCI, ascertain in partnership with the President that the EAPCI Board focuses on strategic planning and policy development, supervise finances and provide guidance to the EAPCI President and Board especially concerning long-term financial planning and management, unbudgeted expenses, participate in fund-raising activities and ensure full transparency of all transactions and compliance with current regulations, cooperate with the ESC Chief Executive Officer, Chief Finance Officer, Specialty Centre Director and Association Head of Department (HOD) in preparing 3-year business plans, review budgetary and financial issues of the EAPCI and report on financial matters to the EAPCI General Assembly.

### Who can apply?

To be eligible, candidates must fulfil the following requirements:

- › Be an interventionalist
- › Be a member of EAPCI. If you are not yet a member, join now!
- › Be active in one of the ESC member countries
- › Be a member of one of the 56 ESC National Cardiac Societies or of an Interventional Working Group
- › Have percutaneous intervention as primary interest
- › Provide a letter of endorsement of an Interventional Working Group or a National Cardiac Society
- › Not hold an executive position currently (President, Vice-President, President-Elect) in a National Cardiac Society or in the European Society of Cardiology (unless this happens during the course of their term or that they consider stepping down from their current executive position in case they are elected to serve within EAPCI)
- › Make him/herself available to meet via phone conference with the EAPCI Nominating Committee as part of the selection process, if required
- › In addition, candidates are recommended to be a Fellow of the European Society of Cardiology (FESC)

In summary, these are exciting but important times for the future of the EAPCI. I strongly encourage the members of EAPCI and the respective national interventional working group members to contribute to this process either as candidate for one of these three important positions or as voter during the online voting period from 30th January to 29th February 2016.