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Dear Colleague,

I wanted to reach you personally to inform you that I decided, with a sense of profound commitment and enthusiasm, to announce my candidacy for the role of EHRA Secretary for the upcoming term, beginning in 2024. Working closely alongside our President-elect, Prof. Helmut Pürerfellner, I am eager to contribute to our collective mission. Having dual nationality (French/Spanish) thanks to my family history, my belief in an integrative, pragmatic, and collaborative approach at the European level has always been unwavering, not only for Educational and Research advancements but also for enhancing patient Care in our daily practice. I'm obviously aware of the need to improve in Europe, in terms of quality and impact in the field of Research, Teaching and Care. As a French, I've also always been sensitive to and convinced of the need for friendship, complementarity and synergy between European countries, also at EHRA level. We still need to make progress in this area, and this will be one of my objectives.

Since 2014, my involvement in EHRA has deepened significantly, starting with the Scientific Initiative Committee (SIC) as a member, then co-chairing the Scientific Document Committee (SDC), leading the SIC as chair, and finally guiding the Scientific Program Committee (SPC) as chair. My tenure in these roles has been marked by initiatives like the European surveys on "Leadless" devices, the "Living with an ICD" patient survey, and innovations at EHRA meetings such as the "Simulation Village," "Live Anatomy Workshops," and "Tracing Workshops."

On a more personal note, I am the Co-Head of the Heart Rhythm Management at Clinique Pasteur Toulouse (France), involved since always in catheter ablations, and devices implantations. I am responsible of the fellowship program in our center, but also of the Clinical Research Unit: we have started to build a strong relationship with EP Teams from different countries with whom we have collaborated in several important projects. This is just the beginning, and I'm convinced that we have a lot to gain from getting closer and working together!

Today, my commitment to EHRA is stronger than ever. I am enthusiastic about the prospect of further contributing to our key areas: Education, Research, and Care, just as I have in the past. Passion and dedication of EHRA members inspire me, and I firmly believe that it not only strengthens us but also makes our association uniquely impactful. If you wish, I'd be happy to talk to you personally about your feelings and advices for my application. Thank you for considering my candidacy. It is indeed crucial for me to have Colleagues like you supporting me!

With Best Wishes and Warm Regards,

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