15. Other Matters of Interest
TO BE SELECTED as a Fellow of the European Society of Cardiology is an outstanding honour as it distinguishes her or him from the regular membership of the E.S.C. on the basis of unique personal characteristics.

THE MAIN PURPOSE of creating a Fellowship is to provide the Society with a cadre whose responsibility is to uphold and expand the professional qualities of our Society and to integrate the various national activities to a greater degree into the European scene. As in other medical organizations, a Fellow is considered to be a person who has had a number of years of experience in the field and who has distinguished himself or herself individually in clinical, educational, investigational, managerial or professional aspects of cardiology. These characteristics will be evaluated by the Credentials Committee (with national representatives), which will weigh the credentials on their collective merit.

POTENTIAL CANDIDATES must be graduates from an established medical school and have received their cardiology training at a recognized Institute, either in Europe or overseas. A list of such institutions has been provided by the Union of European Medical Specialists (U.E.M.S.). A similar one exists for the American College of Cardiology. Applicants from overseas will be judged by similar criteria. These lists will periodically be updated with the latest information from the various national societies. Non-cardiologists can be selected when they can demonstrate comparable education and experience.

A CANDIDATE APPLYING from within Europe should be a member in good standing of a National Society or of a Working Group of the E.S.C. Candidates who are not certified cardiologists but whose work is concerned with cardiology need not be members of cardiological society nor of a working group of the E.S.C. A candidate must show proof of ongoing interest in scientific cardiological matters, providing proof thereof by an adequate publication record. He or she should have participated as first author or co-author of at least five publications in international, peer-reviewed Journals. The work will be judged not only on quantity but also on its citation impact. Applicants for Fellowship should hold a current appointment at a recognized clinic which does not necessarily have to be one with an university affiliation or one that is active in cardiovascular research.

EACH APPLICANT must submit documents to prove that he or she:

1) is a graduate from a medical school or allied discipline
2) is a cardiologist or, in the case of other disciplines, dedicated mainly to cardiology
3) is particularly engaged in research or teaching
4) has current or past recognized publication activity in the field.

Applications must be accompanied by supporting letters from two F.E.S.C., one of whom being the President of the National Society. If the President of the National Society is not personally F.E.S.C., his or her supporting letter is still required. Candidates from outside Europe must submit similar documents plus a supporting letter from one F.E.S.C. and from the President of a recognized professional or scientific organization in their own country.
Copies of original documents may be in the candidate's own language and need not be translated. All other documents, such as CVs and supporting letters must be in the official languages of the Society (English or French).

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

1) Carefully complete F.E.S.C. application form (available from address below)
2) Send it, together with ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS, to the President of your National Society for him or her to review it and to ensure that all requirements have been fulfilled. He or she will then forward it to the E.S.C.

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APPLICATION DEADLINES Applications should reach the National Society by April 30th 1992, to allow time for review. The Society must forward them directly to the Fellowship Department before May 31st 1992.

If you need application forms, additional information or other help, please contact the address below.

Do not send applications directly to the E.S.C. Fellowship Department.

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