

Katowice, 22. 12. 2019

**To whom it may concern,**

By this letter I would like to support the candidature of Professor Marcin Adamczak for the position of Council member of the European Renal Association – European Dialysis and Transplant Association (ERA-EDTA). Professor Adamczak completed his medical education at the Medical University of Silesia in Katowice, Poland in 1995. During the years 2001-2003 he was the scholarship holder at the Division of Nephrology at the University of Heidelberg, Germany, directed by Professor Eberhard Ritz. Currently Professor Adamczak is employed as a full Professor at the Department of Nephrology, Transplantation and Internal Medicine of the Medical University in Katowice, Poland. He is internationally well known as a great scientist and brilliant speaker (also during the recent ERA-EDTA Congresses) focused mainly on the role of adipokines in the pathogenesis of cardiovascular complications in patients with arterial hypertension and chronic kidney disease as well as on the prophylactic procedures against *Clostridium difficile* infection in patients hospitalised at the nephrology and transplantation wards. Professor Adamczak is an author and co-author of more than 150 peer-reviewed scientific papers in the field of nephrology, transplantation and hypertension research (aggregate impact factor index of these papers: 209.0. Additionally he is an author and co-author of more than 50 chapters in textbooks (9 of them in the internationally recognized textbooks of nephrology). Professor Adamczak obtained several important positions, serving as an Council member of the Polish Society of Nephrology and Polish Society of Hypertension. During the last years, he obtained many National and International awards, i.e. 2005, 2010 – scientific individual prize of Polish Ministry of Health; 2005 – Bernd Tersteegen-Prize, 2010 – Jizi Widymycki Prize (international annual scientific prize of “European Society of Hypertension”), 2017 – Bohdan and Zygmunt Janczewski Prize (scientific prize of the Kosciuszko Foundation). It is also important to mention, that Professor Marcin Adamczak is a very honest and loyal person, truly devoted to his tasks. Having such a very positive opinion, based also on my personal observation, I would like strongly support his candidacy for the position as an ERA-EDTA Council member. In my opinion, ERA-EDTA will be benefit a lot with such a new Councillor.

Sincerely,



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