

Laudation – Fausto Pinto

Ladies and Gentlemen, dear Colleagues and Friends,

I have the great pleasure to introduce Professor Fausto Pinto, the current President of the European Society of Cardiology – an international scientific society representing the cardiology professionals of 56 countries with the main goal of reducing the burden of cardiovascular disease.

Professor Pinto was nominated to the Doctor Honoris Causa title by Professor Merkely, Director of Semmelweis University Heart and Vascular Center with whom they work together in the board of the European Society of Cardiology. As he said, “Prof. Pinto’s outstanding personality and friendly attitude are well-known and make him an exceptional president but he is also a brilliant scientist.”

Professor Pinto graduated from Lisbon University Medical School in 1984. He did his Cardiology internship at Santa Maria University Hospital in Lisbon, Portugal, and Stanford University Medical School in the US, where he was a Research Fellow and then Clinical Attending in the Echocardiography laboratory. He is also the President of the Association for Research and Development of the Faculty of Medicine. He is currently the Head of the Cardiology Department of Santa Maria University Hospital and has been the Director of Lisbon Cardiovascular Institute since 1999.

He is a Fellow of the European Society of Cardiology, American College of Cardiology, American Society of Angiology, Society for Cardiac Angiography and Interventions and the American Society of Echocardiography. He is the Editor in Chief of the Portuguese Journal of Cardiology (1999-2015), member of the Editorial Board of several international peer-reviewed journals and is an Expert Reviewer of the European Commission.

His main scientific interests are ischemic heart disease, cardiovascular imaging, particularly intravascular ultrasound. Professor Pinto has published over 300 papers which were cited 9000 times, and has presented over 1300 lectures/chairmanships at national and mostly international meetings.