

Ladies and Gentlemen, dear Colleagues and Friends,

I have the great pleasure to introduce Professor Jeroen Bax, immediate Past-President of the European Society of Cardiology. Professor Bax was nominated to the Doctor Honoris Causa title by me, since we have been working together both under the umbrella of the European Society of Cardiology and on research projects on cardiovascular imaging for about a decade.

Jeroen Bax is currently Professor of Cardiology and Director of Non-invasive Imaging at Leiden University Medical Center, the Netherlands. He finished his studies at the Medical School of Leiden University in 1992, his cardiology training at Leiden University Medical Center between 1996 and 2002. He wrote his doctoral work on the “Detection of myocardial viability with 18F-Fluorodeoxyglucose and single photon emission computed tomography” at the Free University Amsterdam and supervised the thesis of more than 40 PhD Fellows, on different topics related to the use of non-invasive imaging in clinical cardiology.

Professor Bax is member of several editorial boards: he has been Associate Editor of “JACC” and “Heart” and Section Editor of “Uptodate” for 9 years; member of the Editorial Board of the European Journal of Cardiac Imaging since 2011, Deputy-Editor of the European Heart Journal and member of the Editorial Board of JACC, American Heart, Heart Rhythm, Circulation Imaging for many years.

He is Fellow of the European Society of Cardiology, the American Society of Nuclear Cardiology and the American College of Cardiology. He received the Douglas P. Zipes Award in 2008 and also the ESC Silver Medal in the same year.

His major research interest includes the application of the different non-invasive imaging techniques in clinical cardiology, including coronary artery disease, arrhythmias and heart failure. He has authored more than 1500 papers in international peer reviewed journals.

Professor Bax has been involved in the European Society of Cardiology for many years. In the beginning he chaired the ESC Working Groups of Nuclear Cardiology and CT, and was involved in the organization of nuclear cardiology and CT courses and sub-specialty congress. Later he became part of the ESC Congress Program Committee and Focus Committee, followed by chairing the committee in 2007 and 2008. He also worked with the different ESC

Associations, by serving on the scientific programme committees of EAPCI and EHRA. Over the years, he co-edited several textbooks of the ESC. In 2009 and 2010 he chaired the ESC Press Committee, in 2011 and 2012 he chaired the ESC Guidelines Committee. From 2010 he was member of the EuroPCR scientific programme committee, from 2011 he was Vice-President responsible for the National Cardiac Societies. Between 2016 and 2018 he was President of the European Society of Cardiology, since 2018 autumn he has been Past-President of the Society.

In 2014 he received the Honorary Member title of the Hungarian Society of Cardiology. He has attended and held lectures at the scientific meetings and conferences of the Society several times. He has been collaborating with the Hungarian colleagues and the researchers of the Heart and Vascular Center on cardiovascular imaging projects for several years.

This was Ladies and Gentlemen, dear Colleagues and Friends, a short summary of the scientific and diplomatic activities of Jeroen Bax. In his manifesto of ESC President-Elect he quoted André Malraux: „To command is to serve, nothing more, nothing less.” I am honoured to present him today the Doctor Honoris Causa Award of the Semmelweis University.