

A Memo and Call For Actions

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Dear Colleagues,

Since the release of the “Call For Changes” announcement two weeks ago, we have received overwhelming positive responses, praising the effort from the Academy of Cardiovascular Research Excellence, herein the ACRE, to unify cardiac and vascular research for a better, bright future of the community. We sincerely appreciate your unwavering support and trust.

We are pleased to announce that we are in the process of restructuring the ACRE by creating the Cardiac Council and the Vascular Council to better promote academic exchanges, scientific collaborations, and next-generation trainings in the cardiovascular community.

To comply with the rule and order, we have been actively working on revising the Bylaws of the ACRE. Very soon, all ACRE Members with full voting rights will receive the amended Bylaws to vote upon. Three key changes are highlighted below.

- ACRE will create a Cardiac Council and a Vascular Council, which will operate in parallel with equal rights. Each Council shall be led by an elected Council Chair to coordinate activities.
- We shall create an Advisory Committee, which will meet at least once a year to provide recommendations for the long-term development of the ACRE. The Advisory Committee shall be led by 1 or 2 Executive Directors. All members of the Advisory Committee, including the Executive Director(s), shall be nominated and voted by the Board of Directors of the ACRE.
- The ACRE President-elect shall be elected from eligible candidates of vascular- or cardiac-focused background in an alternate manner.

Moving forward, we will launch the official election of Board of Directors for the new Vascular Council and for the retired Directors of the reformed Cardiac Council. A President-elect election will be simultaneously held.

We call all ACRE Premier and Regular Members with full voting rights to nominate or self-nominate candidates and, most importantly, cast your votes in the official ballot to exercise your voting rights.

United, we will succeed for a better future of humanity.

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On behalf of the new ACRE Restructuring Taskforce