



Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

2023-2027

In the spirit of close collaboration and scientific exchange, this Memorandum of Understanding is concluded between:

Uruguayan Society of Cardiology- Garibaldi 2593 11600 Montevideo, Uruguay (hereinafter referred to as 'Uruguayan Society of Cardiology' or 'USC')

and

European Society of Cardiology (ESC), The European Heart House, Les Templiers, 2035 route de Colles, CS 80179 Biot, 06903 Sophia Antipolis Cedex, France (hereinafter referred to as the 'European Society of Cardiology or 'ESC')

Purpose of the MOU

In consideration of the mutual understanding, respect and common interest of the two Parties, this document (the "MOU") defines and commits both parties to a collaboration for the activities outlined in the MOU, according to the rules and conditions specified below.

The ESC embraces joint efforts and collaboration with Cardiac Societies around the world to fulfil its mission to reduce the burden of cardiovascular disease. Uruguayan Society of Cardiology shares this aim. Hence, ESC and Uruguayan Society of Cardiology agree to seek opportunities for collaboration in areas that support this mission. Areas of collaboration could include, but are not limited to, Congresses, Education, Research, Advocacy, Guidelines, Journals and Membership.

As an important component of joint activities and mutual understanding, the leadership of ESC and Uruguayan Society of Cardiology shall meet regularly in-person, at times opportune to both parties, to deepen collaboration between the two organisations.

Duration

The MOU between the European Society of Cardiology and the Uruguayan Society of Cardiology is set for a duration of 4 (four) years as of the date of signature and can be renewed based on a written mutual agreement.

Should any Party wish to terminate the MOU before the 4-year period is over, a written notice would be required.

ESC Contributions

- Official acknowledgment of Uruguayan Society of Cardiology as a partner. This includes a section dedicated to Uruguayan Society of Cardiology on the ESC website. It includes a link to the Uruguayan Society of Cardiology website and can be used to announce Uruguayan Society of Cardiology congresses and other activities. Upon decision of the ESC, selected information may also be included in the ESC Newsletter.
- Mailing of a monthly e-newsletter to the President and a designated International Ambassador of Uruguayan Society of Cardiology. This newsletter contains the latest ESC news and updates as well as topics of general interest.
- ESC will nominate a key point of contact to facilitate interaction and collaboration between parties.
- ESC invites Uruguayan Society of Cardiology to nominate candidates for the designation “**Fellow of the European Society of Cardiology**” (FESC). Upon confirmation and payment of dues, FESC nominated by Uruguayan Society of Cardiology will benefit from all FESC privileges. The nominated individuals will be expected to have interest in a long-term membership of the prestigious FESC community.

The President of the Uruguayan Society of Cardiology is invited to:

- become a **Fellow of the European Society of Cardiology (FESC)**
- additionally nominate, each year for the duration of the MOU, 10 candidates to become **Fellow of the European Society of Cardiology (FESC)**. These FESC candidates can be nominated based on the criteria as outlined in the [ESC Fellowship Programme criteria](#). Candidates nominated by Uruguayan Society of Cardiology do not need to provide a formal application or detailed documentation that is required when individuals apply directly to the ESC.

Uruguayan Society of Cardiology Contributions

- Promotion of the **affiliation with the ESC**: The most recent ESC logo shall be displayed on the Uruguayan Society of Cardiology website with a link to www.escardio.org
- Uruguayan Society of Cardiology members shall be actively encouraged to participate in **ESC activities**:
 - ESC events as well as scientific and educational products shall be announced on the Uruguayan Society of Cardiology website.
 - Upcoming ESC Congresses shall be mentioned on the calendar/events webpage of the Uruguayan Society of Cardiology website.
 - Promote the benefits of ESC Membership on the Uruguayan Society of Cardiology website and share information to Uruguayan Society of Cardiology community via newsletters.
- **Liaison Persons**:
 - Uruguayan Society of Cardiology shall nominate an **International Ambassador** to act as liaison person with ESC.

- Uruguayan Society of Cardiology shall nominate a **Young Community Representative** to act as liaison person with the ESC Committee for Young Cardiovascular Professionals.
- **Annual Report:** Uruguayan Society of Cardiology shall provide a brief annual report of its collaboration with the ESC (*see **Report template** in Annex A*).

Areas of collaboration

Uruguayan Society of Cardiology will be offered the possibility to participate in ESC activities as often as possible; some may be jointly organised by the ESC and Uruguayan Society of Cardiology according to needs and available resources. The terms are detailed under <https://www.escardio.org/The-ESC/Affiliated-Cardiac-Societies/ESC-Affiliation-Programme>.

Specific areas of collaboration are outlined as follows:

CONGRESS

- Uruguayan Society of Cardiology will be invited to participate in the online ESC Congress Session Proposal Submission process.
- Uruguayan Society of Cardiology will forward the Call for Abstracts and Call for Clinical Cases to their members.
- Uruguayan Society of Cardiology will be invited to submit a list of experts for potential inclusion in the ESC Congress Abstract Review process. Expertise shall be documented via a track record of scientific publications.
- Uruguayan Society of Cardiology will be invited to take an active role in ESC Congress if opportunities arise.
- Uruguayan Society of Cardiology will benefit from special offers to support the Young Community (cardiologists under 40 or in training) with 25 free registration to ESC Congress.
- Uruguayan Society of Cardiology may nominate up to 2 leadership representatives to benefit from free registration to ESC Congress, either onsite or online.

EDUCATION

- Uruguayan Society of Cardiology may consider adopting the ESC Core Curriculum for the Cardiologists to support the development of educational activities.
- Uruguayan Society of Cardiology is encouraged to promote the dissemination of ESC educational products and programmes, such as ESC Textbooks, distance learning programmes, ESC Clinical Practice Guidelines, ESC e-learning platform...

MEMBERSHIP

Uruguayan Society of Cardiology is encouraged to promote ESC Membership to their own members.

REGISTRIES

Uruguayan Society of Cardiology is encouraged to contribute to ESC Registry Programmes and data collection projects.

CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINES Uruguayan Society of Cardiology is allowed and encouraged to disseminate ESC Clinical Practice Guideline derivative products, especially Pocket Guidelines, (at no cost to ESC), in Uruguay.

ADVOCACY

Collaboration between Uruguayan Society of Cardiology and ESC can be initiated to advocate for common causes or issues relating to cardiovascular health, raising awareness and implementing call for action initiatives to reduce the burden of cardiovascular disease.

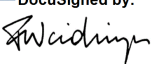
General Provisions


Unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the Parties, all newly developed intellectual property during joint initiatives under this MOU, shall be co-owned by the ESC and Uruguayan Society of Cardiology. This newly developed intellectual property may be used, distributed, and communicated by either Party for non-commercial purposes only, provided the other Party is informed in advance of the initiative and duly acknowledged. ESC and Uruguayan Society of Cardiology agree, during the term of and only in accordance with the terms and conditions of this MOU, to grant the right to use the name or logo of the other Party by strictly reproducing them in electronic or print form in any brochure, poster and presentation for the purpose of the MOU subject to the prior written consent of the party owning the said name or logo. Any use of the name or logo of a party by the other party that may lead to confusion as to the relationship between Uruguayan Society of Cardiology and ESC shall be strictly prohibited.


The MOU is signed in the spirit of collaboration and mutual support as it is only together, through joint efforts, we can fight the burden of cardiovascular disease. It is for a duration of four years as outlined above and renewal will be encouraged if both Parties are satisfied with the collaboration.


Date of signature: 5/2/2023

Signatures

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ESC President 2022-2024

Dr. Juan José Paganini
USC President

Mrs. Isabel Bardinet
ESC Chief Executive Officer

Prof. Stephan Achenbach
ESC Global Affairs Chair

ANNEX A – Annual Report Template

To be completed annually by Uruguayan Society of Cardiology highlighting achievements in terms of joint collaborations and local cascading initiatives, as a basis for the annual discussion with ESC representatives. Please share the report to internationalaffairs@escardio.org by 30 June of each year.

Report date: *[dd/mm/yyyy]*

Name and contact details of the **International Ambassador:**

Name and contact details of the **Young Community Representative:**

Please fill in the below table with concrete collaborative projects with ESC and local cascading initiative your society organised in the past 12 months; in figures, screenshot, images, attached files, text.

Advocacy	<i>Please share below any cascading initiative you may have organised at a local level or outline a collaborative project with ESC.</i>
Congress	<i>Please share below collaborative activities you have been involved in at ESC congress. E.g.: number of session proposal submitted to ESC Congress, number of Daily Highlights organised at ESC Congress...</i>

Education	<i>Please share below collaborative activities with ESC. E.g.: Name educational programmes you have been involved in and any cascading at a local level through translation, dissemination.... Share any key performance indicators.</i>
Guidelines	<i>Please share below collaborative activities you have undertaken around ESC Guidelines. E.g.: Guidelines endorsement, translation, dissemination and their impact.</i>
Registries	<i>Please share below activities run collaboratively on registries and data collection projects. E.g.: Participation in specific ESC registries</i>
Other activities	<i>Please share below any other activity or comment you would like to be considered by ESC</i>