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Dear colleagues and friends,

when I was asked after decades of years of work in academic oncology why I should become ESMO president for the years 2018 and 2019, I have reflected my professional life:

I have cared for patients with all different diagnoses with cancer with lots of personal emotions, have done clinical and basic research covering almost all fields of cancer, and have devoted many years to international activities ranging from the United States where I was working as a research fellow over to Central and Southeastern Europe and the Middle East where the Central European Cooperative Oncology Group (CECOG; [www.cecog.org](http://www.cecog.org)) which I have been presiding for now almost 20 years was very active in the performance of clinical studies and the delivery of CME in many areas of cancer and, finally, to China where I have given many lectures during many years.

Thus, I have answered very quickly to the question why I should be ESMO president for the years 2018 and 2019, as this position would fulfill all my dreams making me able return to ESMO and its members all the wonderful moments I have experienced in my professional life:

I should be president because I believe in the strength of ESMO as a scientific society engulfing all aspects of cancer including scientific advances, challenges and incredible recent breakthroughs and the accessibility to the resulting optimal diagnosis and treatment for patients with cancer throughout Europe.

I believe in the strength of European spirit, European philosophy, knowledge and the European approach to societal needs and humanitarian concepts.

I should be president because one of my foremost aims is the furthering of young women and men, their ideas, concepts and careers as the next generation to carry our torch into the future.

I should be president because I stand for the concept of ONE Europe united in spirit, accessibility to diagnosis and modern treatment in all disciplines for all patients throughout our continent.

I should be president because I want to carry all of these values into the world resulting in a concept of "ONE VISION - ONE EUROPE - ONE WORLD" for medical oncology.

I should be president because I hold in the highest esteem the advancement of knowledge, the generation of new ideas and their proof for the advancement of cancer care achieved by all disciplines, all generations of scientific and clinical investigators and in all countries of Europe radiating out to the world.

I should be president because my entire life and scientific curriculum reflects the decisive attempts which I have undertaken and transformed all the above thoughts and concepts into reality.

Please support me in my bid to become ESMO president 2018 - 2019 to enable me to achieve these goals for the good of ESMO and its members wherever they may live.

The idea of my presidency would be  
„ONE VISION – ONE EUROPE – ONE WORLD“.

Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Zielinski', with a small flourish at the end.

Christoph Zielinski

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