



Prof. Carl-Henrik Heldin
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Brno, 30th September 2020

Dear Professor Heldin:

I am writing to you on behalf of Alliance4Life, which is a network of ten leading research institutions in Life Sciences from Central and Eastern Europe member states of the European Union. Together, the member institutions of Alliance4Life have committed to further improving the standards and performance of scientific research in our countries in order to close the research and innovation gap within the European Union.

Alliance4Life intensively promotes top-quality independent scientific research, and makes an effort to improve the conditions for excellent researchers, in order to attract and retain them at our institutions and in our member countries. As an alliance that covers the Life Sciences, we nominate two candidates for Scientific Council membership: Prof. Lucyna Wozniak, Organic Chemist and Vice-Rector of the Medical University Lodz, Poland; and Dr. Pavel Plevka, Virologist and Research Group Leader at CEITEC Masaryk University, Czech Republic.

Alliance4Life's two nominations reflect the call's request for candidates with reputations as outstanding researchers who exercise scientific leadership at the European or world level, who have personal integrity and a commitment to independent research. Additionally, these two nominations reflect your approach of combining wisdom and experience with vision and imagination, the balance of qualities among men and women, as well as considering younger scientific leaders within the Scientific Committee. Attached to my letter are the statement of the qualifications with the broader profiles of both candidates.

I hope the Identification Committee will consider the nominations of Alliance4Life. I wish you the best in selecting the candidates to serve the ERC Scientific Council and the entire European research community.

Sincerely yours,



Jiří Nantl
Chairman of Alliance4Life