

Dear Lauren,

Hope this email finds you well.

I am writing to you as a member of EHRA and a Ukrainian doctor on behalf of Professor Sychov and many more Ukrainians.

On 24th of February 2022 Russian Federation brutally and without any announcement started the war in Ukraine. Many cities are bombed, including Kyiv, Kharkiv, my native city Zhytomyr and many more with air missile strikes and other heavy weapons including ones forbidden by international law. Ukraine is in war last 7 days and it continues without any chance for diplomatic resolution of the conflict. Many hospitals, schools, kindergartens and residential areas are on fire, many completely destroyed already. More than 400 civilians reported killed, 16 children among them. People are seeking shelters on subway stations, in basements (of hospitals as well), pregnant women give birth to their children in same locations. Kyiv maternity hospital Adonis was bombed and doctors, future mothers and newborn children with their mothers were urgently evacuated from there.

Moreover, Russian and Belorussian heavy machinery including tanks are moving inside Ukraine directing Kyiv and other cities.

I find it as a tragedy of humanity, tragedy of mine and a crime.

Since we did not receive any official statement from any Russian and Belorussian doctor association as national organizations, same from its individual member, with this email I would to **insistently ask you to cancel membership of all Russian and Belorussian members of EHRA.**

Council of Europe already excluded Russian Federation as a member.

I kindly ask you to forward this email to all the members of EHRA, Prof. Christophe Leclercq included and come back to us with official reply and your standpoint. Appreciate your prompt reply.

Thank you.

Olena Ilchyshyna on behalf of

Prof. V. Kovalenko, President of Ukrainian Association of Cardiology

Prof. O. Sychov, President of Ukrainian Association of Arrhythmology

Prof. O. Parkhomenko, President of Ukrainian Association of Urgent Cardiology

Prof. M. Sokolov, President of Ukrainian Association of Invasive Cardiology

Prof. L. Voronkov, President of Ukrainian Association of Heart Failure

Prof. V. Shumakov, Vice-President of Ukrainian Association of Preventive Cardiology and Rehabilitation

Prof. Yu. Sirenko, President of Ukrainian Association Against Hypertension

Prof. O. Mitchenko, President of Ukrainian Society of Atherosclerosis

and many Ukrainians