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Dear Dr Bardone,

The nomination period for the next European Inventor Award has now begun and we would be delighted to have the support of your organisation in our search for the most remarkable inventors in Europe and beyond.

The illustrious standing of the Award is dependent on the high quality of the nominations we receive. It is only through the great support of our user community that the international jury will have such a wealth of outstanding candidates from which to choose the fifteen finalists for the European Inventor Award 2019.

We are very grateful for the essential role our users and expert associations have played every year in finding Europe's most incredible inventors: we received more than 530 proposals for the 2018 Award – another new record number.

Whether inventors are working in big companies, SMEs or universities and research institutes, the basic requirements for a nomination are the same: all inventors which go on to become finalists of the European Inventor Award must have been granted a European patent and not only have achieved significant technological progress in their field, but also benefitted the economy and enriched our society.

We are sure that the national patent offices are well placed to know who the best candidates could be. Your proposals can be sent to europa-inventor@epo.org until 28 September 2018. Further information about the nomination process and criteria, as well as the online entry form, can be found at epo.org/nominate.

We warmly look forward to receiving your proposals.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "António Campinos". The signature is written in a cursive style with a clear, legible font.

António Campinos