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Dear Dr Bardone,

The nomination period for the next European Inventor Award in 2020 has now begun and we would be delighted to have the support of the Italian Industrial Property Consultants Institute in our search for the most remarkable inventors in Europe and beyond.

Since its inception in 2006, the Award has honoured the inventors behind the inventions. As one of the most prestigious innovation prizes in Europe, the Award casts a spotlight on inventors who have made remarkable technological breakthroughs, and celebrates their valuable contributions to society and economic prosperity. 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 2020.

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 your association is well placed to know who the best candidates could be. Your proposals can be sent to europaan-inventor@epo.org until 30 September 2019. Further information about the nomination process and criteria, as well as the online entry form, can be found at epo.org/nominate.

The finalists of the European Inventor Award 2020 will be announced in May next year. Anyone who nominates an inventor later selected by the jury as a finalist will be invited to attend the Award ceremony on 18 June in Monaco.

We warmly look forward to receiving your proposals.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'António Campinos', written in a cursive style.

António Campinos