



Antonio Artigas

The European Society of Intensive Care proudly awards this citation of Honorary Membership to Antonio Artigas, MD, PhD, for his major contributions to the European Society of Intensive Care Medicine and to Intensive Care around the world. Antonio is a founding member of the European Society of Intensive Care Medicine, and has devoted a huge amount of time to this society, which he always considered as his second family. He was a member of the executive committee from 1982 to 1990. He has never missed one meeting of the society, nor missed one general assembly. Fidelity represents one of his numerous qualities. Antonio has been an outstanding clinician, and has always tried to balance his activities between the clinical field, which remained his absolute priority and many other activities, such as research, teaching, and national or international activities. It is hard to combine all those activities, but Antonio made it.

Antonio, 63, was born in Barcelona, a splendid city that he loves. He attended the French lycée in Barcelona, which explains why he speaks French so elegantly, and understands French culture French culture. He was trained in Barcelona University (Spain), and became MD in 1973. He received his PhD in 1992. He his and was certified in internal medicine in 1976 and intensive care medicine in 1982. He has been appointed as the director of the chair of applied physiology, Parc Tauli University Institute, and professor at the medicine department, Autonomous University of Barcelona in 2002.

From 1980 to 1988, he was the clinical chief of the general ICU in Hospital Santa Creu I San Pau, in Barcelona. Since 1988, he has been director of the critical care centre at Sabadell hospital. He has created an outstanding acute care center, working with the emergency room, and also has created a network with the ICUs within the area. Antonio is very creative and interactive.

As a member of many international societies, including ESICM and ATS (critical care assembly and programme committee), SRLF (vice president from 1991 to 1993), ERS (chairman of the critical care group) and chairman of HERMES (respiratory critical care). He was also president of the Intensive Care Medicine Society from 1990 to 94, and his part of the European Research Group on Respiratory Intensive Care. Antonio has proved his merits on an international level. Antonio likes the lungs. Alongside Gordon Bernard, he was involved in three American and European consensus conferences on ARDS, which led to the publication of guidelines which have been cited thousands of times. He is the director of the research programme on acute respiratory failure and sepsis and active member at the CIBER de Enfermedades respiratorias at Instituto Carlos III. He is also heavily involved in sepsis research, and was part of the group who drafted the Surviving Sepsis

Guidelines, which has shown that establishing bundles of care in treatment can decrease mortality.

In addition to being an outstanding scientist, Antonio is also on the editorial boards of many critical care and respiratory journals and reviews numerous papers. He published more than 200 articles in national and international scientific journals. He has published 20 books, and wrote chapters in various others. He has presented at more than 200 conferences internationally. He has received 50 awards and more than 30 research grants.

Antonio also organises meetings. He chaired the International Symposium on Applied Physiology of the Peripheral Circulation, with Michael Pinsky and Jean François Dhainaut, from 1994 to 2000. Since 1996, he has lead the annual International Symposium on Infections in the Critically Ill Patient with Jean Carlet and Michael Niederman. He was the President of the European Congress of Intensive Care Medicine in Barcelona, in 1992. Antonio has trained hundreds of students, residents, fellows and nurses, many of whom remain very close to him.

On a more personal note, Antonio is certainly one of the kindest people that I know. He is one of the very few people who is able to combine fidelity to people and ideas, as well as maintain long lasting friendships and impressive professionalism. He has a wonderful family, in particular Roser, his fantastic wife, who always supported him throughout his career. He has seven wonderful, and successful kids, including two medical doctors. They have also inherited Antonio's love of travel. An avid mountain climber, Antonio also appreciates a good meal and wine with friends. Like many Spanish people, Antonio likes football, and considers, very logically that the Barcelona football club is the best of the world. (It might very well be true)

ESICM recognises how important Prof. Artigas' contributions to the Society and the field have been and are truly thankful to this great physician and human being. I am personally privileged to present Antonio Artigas this citation of Honorary Membership for his contributions to Intensive Care Medicine all around the world. I am especially proud to be one of Antonio's colleagues and friends.

JEAN CARLET