

**HANS FLAATTEN**

The European Society of Intensive Care Medicine proudly awards this citation of Honorary Membership to Professor Hans Flaatten for his major contribution to the European Society of Intensive Care Medicine, but also his scientific and educational contribution to the speciality of Intensive Care Medicine. Prof Flaatten qualified in Medicine at the University of Oslo in 1977. He completed his training in Anaesthesia and Intensive Care Medicine in 1985 and his PhD at the University of Bergen in 1998. He worked as a Consultant in Anaesthesia and Intensive Care Medicine at Central Hospital, Forde and Haukeland University Hospital (1986 to current) where he was appointed Medical Director of The Air Ambulance Service, Bergen (1994-2014) and Medical Director of the General ICU (1994-2014). He was also Visiting Scholar at the Chinese University of Hong Kong in 2013.

Prof Flaatten was appointed Professor in Intensive Care Medicine at the University of Bergen in 2015. He has been supervisor or co-supervisor for a number of PhD students and currently has 4 PhD students under his supervision. He has published widely in the field of intensive care medicine with over 185 publications. His academic interests include research in the elderly ICU patients, severity scores, outcome prediction and mortality in intensive care, quality of life after intensive care, patient safety and burn-out. One of his current major projects is a multinational study looking into the very old (→80 years) ICU patients (VIP project) within the Health Service Outcome Research section of the ESICM. He sits on the Editorial Board of ICU Management (2006-current) and is Associate Editor of Acta Anaesthesiologica Scandinavica (2005-current).

Prof Flaatten has been a member of the ESICM since 1996. He has made outstanding contributions both to the scientific and educational activities of the society. He was ESICM Chair of the Division of Professional Development (2008-2010), ESICM Executive Committee Member (2008-2010), ESICM Chair of the Clinical Training Committee (2010-2014) and is currently ESICM Chair of the Health Services Research & Outcome (HSRO) section (2014-2017).

Outside the ESICM, Prof Flaatten has been hugely influential in driving the specialty of intensive care in Scandinavia and setting up the National Registry of intensive care in Norway. He was founder of the Norwegian Registry of Intensive Care Medicine in 1999, Board Director for the Norwegian Registry of Intensive Care (1999-current), Co-founder and Norwegian co-ordinator of the Scandinavian Society of Anaesthesiology and Intensive Care (SSAI) training programme for Intensive Care Medicine (1998-current) and Congress President SSAI (2009-2011). He received the Helse Vest

Quality Award in 2012 and Honorary Award from the Norwegian Society of Anaesthesiologists in 2013.

Prof Flaatten has always been strongly committed to education and worked tirelessly to develop, disseminate and support education intensive care education, not only in Europe, but also beyond. He has been member of the Basic Assessment and Support In Intensive Care (BASIC) Steering group - an international educational group based in Hong Kong - since 2009 and has contributed to the development and dissemination of a number of intensive care educational courses (BASIC, Beyond BASIC Nephrology and Mechanical ventilation, Patient Safety, Simulation, Leadership and Management).

Prof Flaatten is a well-respected, knowledgeable clinician, scientist and educationalist, but his continued enthusiasm and drive to push the boundaries for science and education in intensive care, collaborative approach and ability to nurture future generations of upcoming intensivists is one of his greatest strengths.

It has been a great pleasure and privilege for many of us within the Society to have had the opportunity to work with Hans over the years. Personally, I have learnt much from him, and I am proud and pleased not only to call him a mentor, but also a close-friend, who has been able to offer me advice and guidance when needed over the years. It is a great honour to write this citation for Prof Hans Flaatten, and I am delighted that the ESICM has decided to bestow this award on such a well-deserved and distinguished individual.

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ESICM Chair of the Division of Professional Development