

Doctor Jean-Roger Le GALL



We can only be grateful to Jean-Roger for his outstanding contribution to the field of critical care in Europe and beyond.

Jean Roger has been always among the most talented persons in our specialty. The exceptionally gifted young boy became one of the youngest physicians in France and probably the most original human his colleagues have ever met.

Jean-Roger tirelessly sought to save life, swimming down the river, roping from helicopters to remove a wounded from a foundering boat, and always thinking on how evaluation can make things going better and better. Better but also more ethical and more human.

Jean-Roger is also eager to know the future. He dreads boredom and ennui. One of the most absorbing tasks of his career was to build scores to help clinicians assessing outcomes at the earliest phase of critical care management. One of his main concerns was to provide the best intensive care management to patient who may benefit from it, putting ethical concerns at the centre of any medical decision. He knew how to collaborate with the most talented intensivists and statisticians in Europe and the United States. He produced the SAPSI and II and passed on the torch for the SAPS 3. ESICM was always his stall, to which he was loyal and an indebted militant. He designed the LOD score based on the assumption that beside physiological derangements, organ dysfunctions also contribute to the outcomes. He was also one of the leading researchers in sepsis.

After more than 10 years as the close right-hand man of Maurice Rapin, in Henri-Mondor Hospital, Jean-Roger opened the ICU of the Saint-Louis hospital moving his field of interest from complex surgery and metabolism to the care of immunocompromized patients.

Jean-Roger is also one of the most human and sensitive people we like, respect and hold dear. For his people, he is a friend, a brother or a father. Jean-Roger is always trying to understand nuances and dynamics in relationship with his colleagues; Always asking if you feel exhausted, if you are better, if you are happy, if your family is well, or so on... While respecting other people decisions, he is always worrying and caring for those who made the bad one. Another outstanding virtue of Jean-Roger is his ability to forgive and to avoid resentment.

We will always think on Jean-Roger as a talented doctor and researcher, but also a friend and parent we always like to meet and we hope to meet again for the longest-span time. We are especially telling our gratitude to Jean-Roger who remains a model of friendship and devotion.

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