



MARCO MAGGIORINI



Professor Marco Maggiorini is Head of the Medical Intensive Care Unit at the University Hospital Zürich. He trained in Internal Medicine, Cardiology and Intensive Care.

He has been involved in medical education since 1996, first as a Member of the Examination Committee of the Swiss Society of Intensive Care Medicine (SGI) and then as a Member and Chair of the Examination Committee of the European Society of Intensive Care Medicine (ESICM), a position that ended in 2016.

From 2010 to 2013, he was Chair of the Division of Professional Development of the ESICM. The contributions he made in this Division were outstanding, in particular the revision of the EDIC exam.

As a Member of the ESICM Examination Committee, Marco was instrumental in reforming the oral exam of the European Diploma in Intensive Care Medicine (EDIC). The format of the oral EDIC exam moved from an unstructured bedside exam to an OSCE type of exam. In 2017, the exam was appraised by the UEMS-CESMA Commission.

Marco is currently Past-President of the SGI and Member of the Education and Training Commission of the SGI.

More importantly, Marco is a natural teacher. His understanding of cardiovascular physiology is great and I have rarely listened to anyone who has mastered this subject with so much clarity and that teaches this.

He started his research career 1983, in the field of high altitude physiology and pathophysiology, with particular attention to the mechanisms and treatment of high altitude pulmonary edema. Accordingly, the focus of his research in Intensive Care Medicine was devoted to pulmonary circulation and the lung.

After a Fellowship at the Laboratory of Cardiovascular Physiology of Professor Robert Naeije, at the Erasmus University Hospital in Brussels, he graduated at the University of Zürich in 1999 and become a full professor in 2006. He is the author of more the 100 scientific articles, reviews and book chapters in the field of high altitude medicine, cardiology and intensive care medicine.

Aside from this extensive curriculum in education, Marco is known by everyone as a real gentleman. His calm attitude, wide knowledge both inside and outside medicine, his ability to speak several languages, his passion for the mountains and the outdoors, make Marco someone who is great company, especially over dinner.

Despite his busy clinical and managerial role in his hospital, and a very active academic life, he always has time for his students and trainees and never gives the impression to be too busy to deal with any question. I have had the pleasure to work with him for several years and I can testify that his attitude is the same in the academic world as it is in his personal life.

I am sure that Marco will continue to contribute to the Society with this passion for many more years and I know he will be a mentor and a friend to many of us.

Marco is well-liked and respected by everyone who knows him both nationally and internationally. I am sure that everyone who reads this citation will congratulate him on this well-deserved Honorary Membership.

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