

**Rui Moreno***The Intensive Connection*

It gives me great pleasure to write this citation on behalf of Rui Moreno as recipient of the Society Medal of the European Society of Intensive Care Medicine (ESICM). This special annual honor is only conferred on individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the Society and to the specialty of Intensive Care Medicine. His dedication over the years to both ensures that Rui is more deserving of this medal than anyone else I know.

Rui was born in Cascais, Portugal in 1961 and studied medicine at the Faculdade de Ciências Médicas da Universidade Nova de Lisboa (Nova Medical School), Portugal qualifying as a doctor in 1985. He trained in Internal Medicine and Intensive Care Medicine, achieving specialist recognition in 1993. Later on, he received official recognition by the National Medic Board on Intensive Care Medicine, Emergency Medicine and Management of Health Care Organisations. He has obtained EDIC and passed the Pan-American and Iberian exam in Intensive Care. He undertook further study in the Netherlands in and completed his PhD at the Rijksuniversiteit Groningen (The Netherlands), with a thesis on "Performance of the ICU: are we able to measure it?" in 1997. He now works at the intensive care unit of the Hospital de São José (Centro Hospitalar de Lisboa Central E.P.E) as the nominated coordinator of the Neurocritical ICU.

Rui has been a member of ESICM since 1995. He was the Portuguese Representative to the Council (1999-2002), the Chair of the Health Services Research and Outcomes (HSRO) section (2000-2001) and was then Chair of the fledgling Division of Scientific Affairs (2002-2005) before becoming President of the Society in 2008. In addition to leading the society as President, he was also President of the European Board of Intensive Care Medicine in the UEMS and was co-chair of the Surviving Sepsis Campaign (2009-2011). Notably, during Rui's term as President, he played a significant role in the decision to move ESICM's office from its previous rented accommodation in Anderlecht to the centre of Brussels near the European Commission. By acquiring this property in the heart of Brussels, the future of the society was secured and the specialty finally had a home that it could be proud of.

Rui's contribution to research has been immense. He has had a lifetime interest in severity of illness scores and has had long-term collaborations with Jean Roger Le Gall, Philipp Metnitz and myself. His original description of the SOFA score is one of the most cited papers in this area. In addition, he was instrumental in the creation, description and validation of the SAPS 3 scoring system and has subsequently published many papers in high impact journals on this subject, as well as on outcomes following surgery.

Beyond ESICM, Rui has been hugely influential in healthcare politics in Portugal and Brazil and in establishing a strong collaboration between these intensive care professionals who are separated by an ocean, but share the same language, values and culture. He has been an elected Council Representative to the World Federation and has chaired the Portuguese College and Board of Intensive care. He has also led the development of specialty status for ICM in Portugal and the Brazilian societies have developed similarly in parallel with their Portuguese cousins. Rui has been granted honorary member status of many national societies including the Serbian Society of Intensive Care, the Brazilian Society of Intensive Care, the Permanbucam Society of Intensive Care Medicine and the Portuguese Society of Intensive Care Medicine.

Rui is unique. He has a style and charisma distinctly his own. His politics lean heavily towards the left and Che Guevara is one of his icons. He is renowned for being straight talking and never shirking from difficult discussions.

Despite all of his many scientific and educational achievements, Rui remains down to earth and easy to get on with. He is never too busy to help anyone and is respected and liked by a wider group of people than virtually anyone I know. I feel privileged to have had the opportunity of working closely with Rui for many years and have learned a lot from him. I am proud and pleased to be able to call him my friend, as I know he will always be there to offer me advice when he feels it's needed. It is my great honor to write this citation for Rui Moreno, and am delighted that the society has decided to bestow this high recognition on such a deserving individual.

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