

**ANTONIO PESENTI**

Professor Antonio Pesenti is Professor of Anaesthesiology and Intensive Care Medicine at the University of Milan, Italy.

He achieved his medical qualification and board certificate in Anaesthesiology and Intensive Care Medicine from the University of Milan, cum laude.

After two years (1977-1979) spent as a Visiting Fellow at the NIH (USA) in the Section of Cardiac and Pulmonary Assist Devices, under the direction of Professor T. Kolobow, he came back to Italy subsequently becoming Assistant Professor.

He is the author and/or editor of numerous textbooks and of more than 400 published scientific and educational articles. He is one of the most distinguished researchers in the field of respiratory failure, mechanical ventilation and extra corporeal membrane oxygenation. Most of his publications have been true seminal studies for our discipline.

He has always represented a reference for the International Academy. He is member of the Italian High Council for Health and of several important commissions.

Antonio actively participated in many of the fundamental research activities of the ESICM and served the Society with a spirit of abnegation.

His research has always been focused on understanding the pulmonary physiology and management of acute respiratory failure, with an emphasis on mechanical ventilation, ARDS imaging and ECMO. This research represented limpid examples of the application of the physiological principles to the clinical practice.

Antonio has a gentle, human and sensitive personality. His sense of friendship and his correctness, along with his professional qualities make him an inspiring example for younger intensivists.

His mentoring and "talent scout" activities have allowed many valid and motivated young physicians and scientists to rapidly achieve a high international profile.

It is a great honour and pleasure for me to nominate Antonio Pesenti to be awarded with the Honorary Membership of the European Society of Intensive Care Medicine.

MASSIMO ANTONELLI

ESICM President