

**Massimo Antonelli***The Intensive Connection*

The European Society of Intensive Care Medicine (ESICM) is proud to award this citation for the 2013 ESICM medal to Professor Massimo Antonelli for his major contributions to Intensive Care Medicine, the care of critically-ill patients and to his research in, and teaching of, our speciality.

Professor Massimo Antonelli graduated in Medicine at the University "La Sapienza" in 1981 with full marks and specialised in Anaesthesiology and Intensive Care Medicine at the same University in 1984. He received post-graduate training at the Rayne Institute of the School of Medicine, University College of London (1984), the Membrane Biogenetics Group, Berkeley University, CA, USA (1984-85) and a sabbatical at the Cochin University Hospital of Paris in 1991.

Professor Antonelli is currently Professor of Intensive Care and Anaesthesiology at the "Università Cattolica Del Sacro Cuore", Rome, Director of the General Intensive Care Unit of the Policlinico A. Gemelli University Hospital and of the Institute of Anaesthesiology and Intensive Care and Director of the School of Speciality in Anaesthesiology and Intensive Care Medicine.

A very active member of ESICM, Professor Massimo Antonelli was the Italian representative of the ESICM Council between the years 1997-1999 and a member "ex-officio" of the Executive Committee from 2007 to 2012. However, it was his activities and achievements, at a difficult time of change in the field of medical publishing – first as Associate Editor of *Intensive Care Medicine* from 2000 to 2007 and later, from 2007 to 2013 as Editor in Chief of the *Intensive Care Medicine* - that his master skills become evident. During his tenure, there was a major improvement in the quality of the Journal, which benefited all ESICM members.

Since 2012, Massimo Antonelli has been President of the Italian Society of Anaesthesiology and Intensive Care Medicine (SIAARTI). A prolific author, with more than 250 papers with almost 7000 citations and an H index of 40, he is an established researcher, mainly in the fields of non-invasive Ventilation, ARDS, Shock and Sepsis.

His style and success has always been collaborative and generous, discrete, but always active in the background, even in more complex technical and political situations.

As Past-President of ESICM, I had the opportunity to work directly with Massimo, and can personally testify to all these achievements. It is an honour and a pleasure, on behalf of ESICM, to honour him with this year's medal, by which ESICM recognises the important contributions that he has made.

May his efforts continue for many years to come.

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ESICM Past-President