It is a great privilege and honor to present this ESICM citation of Honorary Membership to Professor Jeremy Farrar. Jeremy Farrar is an outstanding clinical scientist who has built a reputation as one of the world's leading figures in the field of infectious disease. He is Professor of Tropical Medicine and Global Health at Oxford University, Adjunct Professor at the NUS of Singapore, Global Scholar at Princeton University and Director of the Wellcome Trust’s Major Overseas Programme in Vietnam. Since October 1st, he has just joined the Wellcome Trust to become its new Director.

Professor Jeremy Farrar trained in Neurology in London, Edinburgh, Melbourne and Oxford. He obtained a PhD in Immunology from Oxford University and UCSF, USA. Since 1996, he has been the Director of the Clinical Research Unit in Ho Chi Minh City (Vietnam). From this hub, he has developed research programmes with satellite groups in Hanoi, Indonesia, Nepal and China and partners across Asia and South America. Over the years, he has been a passionate advocate for integrated health research and has worked to break down artificial silos across a range of disciplines, including Emerging Infections, Influenza, CNS infections, Dengue, Typhoid, tuberculosis and HIV-related opportunistic infections.

His publications include almost 500 peer-reviewed scientific papers, and he has received numerous awards, including the Ho Chi Minh City Medal from the Government of Vietnam, the Oon International Award for his work on H5N1 avian flu, the Frederick Murgatroyd Prize for Tropical Medicine by the Royal College Physicians and the Bailey Ashford Award by the American Society for Tropical Medicine and Hygiene.

Professor Farrar is a Fellow of the Academy of Medical Sciences, the Director of the SEAICRN partnership and the founding Chair of ISARIC - a global initiative to share data about emerging diseases that could become epidemics or pandemics. Professor Farrar has served on many national and international advisory boards for academia, industry, government, philanthropic organisations, as well as several World Health Organisation advisory committees.

Despite his numerous commitments, Jeremy Farrar remains a very approachable clinician, who conducts daily clinical ward rounds in a hospital that provides care for several thousand patients each year. He has established an extensive training programme, which includes schools, undergraduate BSc and MD students from Asia and Latin America, through Masters, PhD and post-doctoral opportunities for both scientists and clinicians. His career demonstrates a battle against the arbitrary and often damaging compartmentalisation of clinical medicine, basic science and public health, as he builds bridges across borders and with society at a time of increasing globalisation.

On a more personal standpoint, Professor Farrar is an accomplished alpinist, who also plays rugby, cricket and hockey. He is the founder of the Farrar Foundation and is incredibly generous. Last, but not least, he retains an uncanny sense of humor. ESICM is fortunate to count Professor Farrar as one of its Honorary Members.

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