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### ANDREW RHODES

The European Society of Intensive Care Medicine proudly awards the Society Medal to Dr Andy Rhodes for his outstanding contribution to both the Society and the specialty over a number of years.

Andy qualified in 1990 at the University of London, trained in intensive care under the tuition of several real experts, especially David Bennett, whose department Andy went on to successfully lead, expand and develop, such that now his critical care department is one of the largest and best known in the UK.

He is currently a consultant in intensive care at St Georges Hospital in London. He is a leader, having been head of the critical care department at St Georges for 5 years and now chairman of the Children's, Women's, Diagnostics, Therapies and Critical Care Division, leading 7 directorates.

He has significant leadership roles for critical care across the UK, being a key member of the national critical care reference group, a past chair of the education and training committee for the Intensive Care Society and now chair of the Workforce Advisory Group of the Faculty of Intensive Care Medicine. On top of this, he is a researcher, having obtained his PhD in cardiovascular monitoring. His main research interests are in the fields of surgical outcomes and cardiovascular monitoring (inspired by his mentor Professor David Bennett). He has taken a pan-European view of critical care research, as his publication record so eloquently shows.

Andy had a meteoric rise within the Society, chairing the cardiovascular dynamics section (1999-2005), progressing to chair the Division of Scientific Affairs (2005-2008) and then President of the Society (2010-2012), so has been a hugely active member of Council and the Executive Committee for many years.

During his time as President, Andy was instrumental in finding and developing the new headquarters of the Society in Brussels and setting up the now successful Life Priority Foundation with Jean-Daniel Chiche. In addition, he has represented the Society on the Surviving Sepsis Campaign since 2002 (chairing it since 2012), chaired the Quality and Safety Task Force (2008-2010) and brought over 30 societies together with the Declaration of Vienna Patient Safety Initiative.

From 2005 to 2014, he played a key role in the European Board of Intensive Care Medicine (hon. Sec. from 2009 to 2012), championing the cause of Intensive Care Medicine becoming a specialty in its own right within the European Community. His leadership style was always inclusive and fair.

I have known Andy for over 20 years and count him as a good friend and also as a valued and clear thinking advisor. He has always been open, honest and helpful, but he manages to do this in a way that brings real challenge to your thinking, to make you realise that he drives for the best and that this is one of the things that sets him apart and why he has been so successful.

It is indeed an honour to present Andy with this medal and is something that he richly deserves.



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