



ELIE AZOULAY



Elie Azoulay is Professor of Medicine, Specialty Pulmonary Medicine and Critical and Intensive Care, at the University of Paris-Diderot, Sorbonne Paris-Cité and Faculty of Medicine at the Saint Louis Hospital, Paris. He is also member of the ECSTRA team, Biostatistics and Clinical Epidemiology, UMR 1153 (Centre of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, Sorbonne Paris Cité) (CRESS), INSERM.

He achieved his PhD in Respiratory Physiology at the Alain Harf INSERM Lab, Créteil (France).

Elie is, at present, Director of the Medical-ICU of the Saint-Louis Teaching Hospital in Paris. His *cursus honorum* is unbelievably remarkable.

He is the Coordinator and Director of several research groups:

- The French FAMIREA Study Group: a multicentre collaborative multidisciplinary group aimed at improving the effectiveness of communication with family members of ICU patients, funded by the Ministry of Health and the French Society for Critical Care (SRLF);
- Director of the GRRR-OH, 2005 research group for the management and outcomes of acute respiratory failure in critically ill immunocompromised patients;
- Part of the Nine-I study group (a multinational collaborative group working on immunocompromised patients).

Elie has served the European Society of Intensive Care Medicine with exemplary dedication and passion. A member of the ARF Section since 2000, he has been Deputy Chair (2005-2007) and Chair of the Ethics Section (2007-2010), National Representative for France in 2012 and an Ex-officio member of the ESICM Executive Committee, receiving Honorary Membership in 2016.

His work for the Intensive Care Medicine Journal has been incredibly successful. He was Associate Editor up to 2010, then Editor in Chief from 2013, with his mandate coming to an end in December 2018. Under his leadership, the ICM journal has achieved a fantastic growth of its impact factor, which is now 15, the highest in its history, since its foundation, which puts our official journal at the top of the Critical Care Medicine Journals.

Most of his publications have been seminal studies for our discipline, especially in the field of critical care of immunocompromised patients and Ethics. His main fields of research are focused on Acute Respiratory Failure in immunocompromised patients, Hematological Malignancies in the ICU, Non-Invasive Mechanical Ventilation, severe infections, organ dysfunction in patients with connective tissue diseases, Systemic Vasculitis, Thrombotic Microangiopathies, Hemophagocytic Lymphohistiocytosis, Tumour Lysis Syndrome, and other hematological emergencies.

Elie has published 384 articles, 76 reviews, 29 editorials, 47 letters, receiving 18,631 cites, with an H-index 72. His profile has always represented a reference for the International Academy.

Above all, Elie is gentle, human and sensitive, but he also has a very strong and neat personality, responding well to the Latin motto *suaviter in modo, fortiter in re* ("gentle in manner, resolute in deed"). His sense of friendship, correctness and professional qualities make him an inspiring example for the younger generations of intensivists. He is, in fact, a beloved mentor.

It is a great honour and pleasure for me to nominate Professor Azoulay to receive the European Society of Intensive Care Society Medal.

MASSIMO ANTONELLI

ESICM President