It is with great pride and pleasure that the European Society of Intensive Care Medicine (ESICM) awards Professor Bertrand Guidet his Honorary Membership of ESICM.

Professor Guidet gained his medical degree in 1985 and joined the Medical Intensive Care Board in 1987. He has been a university medical professor since 1997 and is currently Director of the Medical Intensive Care Unit at the Hôpital Saint Antoine in Paris, France.

When one looks back on all that he has achieved in the field of intensive care medicine, it seems almost superhuman! His publications not only demonstrate his involvement in many fields of intensive care medical science, but also reflect his involvement in the wellbeing of patients, families and vulnerable persons.

With his diplomatic skills and friendly demeanor, he is able to address very difficult issues in intensive care medicine and also in terms of ethical and organisational issues.

I know Bertrand as an inspirational and very modest colleague, who is always willing to share his vast knowledge and ideas about the quality of care and safety for patients. His CV shows how well he is able to promote networks, with the intention to improve outcome for patients.

It is an honour and pleasure to make public his many merits and to emphasise his skills, gentleness and importance. It is not only the individual patients, families and colleagues who have taken advantage of this, but also the whole of the intensive care society world-wide.

Thank you for this, Bertrand, and for demonstrating so well what ESICM stands for.

Keep up the good and inspiring work that you do!

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