



## JEAN-DANIEL CHICHE

In this year 2021, the European Society of Intensive Care Medicine awards the Society Medal to Professor Jean-Daniel Chiche for his extraordinary role in the Society and his outstanding contribution to intensive care in terms of education and research.

The professional career of Jean-Daniel Chiche has been remarkably international from the 90's to today. He first studied Medicine in France. He then spent four years (1991-1995) in Belgium where he graduated in Anesthesiology and Intensive Care Medicine (University of Liege) and worked as a clinical fellow in the department of Prof. Maurice Lamy in Liege. From 1995 to 1998 he stayed in Boston (Massachusetts, USA), where he obtained a clinical and a research fellowship in the Department of Anesthesiology of Prof. Warren Zapol (Massachusetts General Hospital, Harvard Medical School). He then returned to France to pursue an academic career, which culminated in the position of full Professor in Medical Intensive Care at Paris-Descartes University, with clinical responsibilities at the medical intensive care unit of Cochin Hospital in Paris. He stayed there for more than 20 years before taking up a new challenge in Lausanne (Switzerland), where in 2020 he became the Head of the intensive care unit of the Centre Hospitalier Universitaire Vaudois (CHUV).

His activity within the ESICM has been one of the most remarkable in the history of our Society. Throughout his twelve years as an Executive Committee member (from 2004 to 2016), he played a crucial role in the growth and the life of our Society. As Chair of the Research Committee, he increased the number of research awards/grants in order to stimulate the research activity of ESICM members, in particular the youngest ones. As Chair of the Division of Scientific Affairs he contributed to the modernization of the annual congress by proposing new types of sessions and new modes of scientific communication. As President of the ESICM (from 2012 to 2014), he transformed the society very positively. During

his presidency, the society's relationship with industry was redefined with increased sponsorship; a new business model was defined; more visibility was given to the ESICM; NEXT was created; the LIFE-PRIORITY initiative was launched, teaching life-saving techniques (e.g. CPR) to the general population of many European countries.

In parallel, the academic activity of Jean-Daniel Chiche has been very productive. His main fields of research are ARDS (pathophysiology and mechanical ventilation), sepsis-induced immune suppression, innate immunity, genetic predisposition to critical illnesses, clinical informatics and data management. He has carried out clinical, translational and fundamental research work in the Cochin Hospital intensive care unit, in the basic science research team that he directed in the Cochin Institute and through multiple research networks all over the world.

Jean-Daniel has qualities that make him an unforgettable person. He is very hardworking, very dynamic, very demanding with himself as with others - which means that any project he is involved with moves forward quickly - very grateful to those who follow him and finally and above all, very loyal in friendship.

## JEAN-LOUIS TEBOUL

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