



SUSANNA PRICE



Nanos gigantium humeris insidentes

I am both honoured and delighted to write this citation on behalf of Professor Susanna Price for the award of Honorary Membership of the European Society of Intensive Care Medicine. This honour is conferred on individuals who have made exceptional contributions to both the Society and the specialty of Intensive Care Medicine and personally I can think of no better candidate. Initially Susanna trained as an undergraduate at King's College London graduating with Honours in medicine in 1990 and then continued her training in cardiology and intensive care medicine at St Thomas', St George's and the Royal Brompton Hospitals in London where she was trained by some of the greats including Tim Evans, Derek Gibson, Ulrich Sigwart, Phillip Poole-Wilson, Jane Somerville & Magdi Yacoub. During her cardiology training, she undertook a fellowship in echocardiography at the Thoraxcenter under Jos Roelandt and then on completion of her specialist training, she was awarded the Jill Dando GUCH fellowship, allowing her to train for a further two years in imaging and management of the critically ill grown-up congenital heart disease (GUCH) patients. Unusually for the UK she is trained and accredited in ICM as well as Cardiology and practises both with the drive and enthusiasm colleagues associate with her.

She has acquired many accolades throughout her career to date. She was awarded the fellowship of the European Society of Cardiology (ESC) in 2010, fellowship of the Faculty of Intensive Care Medicine in 2011 and she was later awarded fellowship of the Royal College of Physicians in 2015. In 2014 she was recognised for her work in acute cardiology by the ESC and has served as president of the ESC Acute Cardiovascular Care Association and on the board of the ESC. She is also an honorary member of many cardiology societies throughout the world as well as being a visiting professor to several institutions. She sits on innumerable committees shaping not only the future of acute & critical care cardiology practice but also leading education & training in cardiology as a whole, covering cardiogenic shock & VA-ECMO to valvular disease to CVS disease in pregnancy and everything in between!. She is a recognised world leader in critical care echocardiography particularly in her beloved GUCH patients and has written more guidelines and been on

more task forces that have directly influenced patient care than anyone else I know!. It is also important to recognise the role Susanna has, and continues to play, in supporting female colleagues not only as a mentor but as a role model and indeed this was recognised as she was a finalist in the Medical Women's Foundation centenary awards in 2017. If this is not enough she has a strong research background achieving her PhD from Imperial College in 2001 and continues to publish at an astonishing rate encompassing a wide range of acute cardiology and intensive care medicine.

An accomplished speaker, she is sought out for her common sense approach to thorny clinical problems and delivers her message in a clarity most can only admire. Indeed, she is one of the few speakers that has managed the transition to the ZOOM world we inhabit without the quality of her presentation being diminished. As a chair, or indeed audience member she has the uncanny knack of always asking the question that everyone else wishes they had thought of but delivered in such a way as to never intimidate but educate.

Away from medicine she is an accomplished linguist and musician, coming from an extraordinary family of musicians, and probably could have achieved great things elsewhere - but fortunately for her patients she chose the clinical stage rather than an artistic one. She is also great fun. I am fortunate enough to call her one of my closest friends and we have spent many an hour roaring with laughter, often after an excellent meal with friends and colleagues following a day of exchanging science and medicine. She often attributes all of her achievements to those who trained her, and seems at times, blinkered to her own abilities. All I can say is that in the future I am sure that she will be recognised as one of the giants of her field from whose shoulder's others will see further. Professor Price fulfils all the criteria and much more than is needed to be an honorary member of our society and we can only thank her for all she has, and continues to do for our speciality.

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