



LUI G FORNI



On each of our individual journeys through intensive care medicine, there will be a small number of people we meet who shape our professional being in ways we may not have anticipated at the initial encounter. For me (and I suspect many others), Prof Lui G Forni is one of these people.

Professor Forni originally trained in basic science and gained his PhD studying fast reaction kinetics and electron transfer reactions in London and Berlin (I have no idea what that involves). He went on to read Medicine at St George's Hospital Medical School, and completed his specialist training in Nephrology and Intensive Care Medicine in London, at St Thomas' and St George's Hospitals. He was one of the first in the UK to train in both Nephrology and Intensive Care Medicine. He was appointed Consultant in Nephrology and Intensive Care at Worthing Hospital and Honorary Senior Lecturer at University of Sussex, where he remained for over 10 years. Many of us will recall him fondly displaying a photograph of an unusual monument in Worthing (South of Gatwick Airport), dedicated to carrier pigeons of WWII before starting his lectures. In 2014 he accepted a Professorship at the University of Surrey and he is acknowledged to be the most hardworking and respected member of the hospital's Intensive care team. He remains committed to the education of young doctors, leading by example with a combination of good humour, common sense and humane patient care.

Professor Forni's research interests include pre-operative assessment of high-risk surgical candidates, all aspects of renal replacement therapy, diagnosis, pathophysiology and treatment of acute kidney injury and predictive modelling in acute medical admissions. With an inquisitive mind and unending desire to question the status quo, he continues to lead international studies in his field, including the ongoing MOSAICC study. He has published over 100 papers including several book chapters as well as being a co-editor on one book. He is a referee for multiple journals and is on the editorial board of several, including our own Intensive Care Medicine.

Professor Forni has been an advisor for the UK National Confidential Enquiry into Patient Outcome and Death and was a founder member of the ESICM AKI group being elected chair of the section in 2013. He has held the position of Chair of the ESICM Research Committee and more recently, Secretary of the Society. During this tenure, he oversaw significant changes to the structure and governance of the Society. He has been a faculty member for numerous international conferences including the ESICM, SRLF, SMART and GREAT meetings as well as the ICS. He is regularly invited to lecture nationally and internationally on a variety of subjects.

When not at work he is to be found trying to sail, playing his guitar(S) and bemoaning the performances of Tottenham Hotspur (the second best north London club in the English Premier League).

His contributions to the field of intensive care have been vast, and his dedication has accordingly been recognised by peers across the world - he is the recipient of the Vicenza International CRRT award this year. Today, for all these reasons and many more, the European Society of Intensive Care Medicine proudly awards Honorary Membership to Professor Lui G Forni for his outstanding contribution to both the Society and the specialty.

On a more personal note, Lui was my boss when I first qualified as a doctor, I still remember doing ICU rounds with him. He has fostered and continues to encourage my interest in Intensive Care Medicine; it is an absolute privilege to call him a friend, colleague and mentor. Congratulations Lui.

ADRIAN WONG

ESICM Social Media and Digital Content Committee Chair