



ARTHUR KWIZERA

It is indeed an honour, privilege, and delight to write the citation for Dr Arthur Kwizera as the first African recipient of the prestigious award of Honorary Membership of the European Society of Intensive Care Medicine. This most deserving award recognizes all that Arthur has achieved throughout his wonderful career emanating in a resource-limited setting, and for his outstanding contributions to intensive care medicine in terms of science, research, clinical application and humanity - all for the betterment and upliftment of intensive care services and patient care around the world and particularly where the most vulnerable of individuals reside.

He serves as a revelation to all in the global intensive care fraternity.

After qualifying in Medicine from Makerere University in Kampala, Uganda, Arthur soon completed specialist training in Anaesthesia at the same institution and developed a very eager and ardent interest in intensive care medicine. Fellowships in Cardiac Anaesthesia and Critical Care as well as Interventional Critical Care Pulmonology followed. He subsequently completed his PhD on the "Epidemiology of acute hypoxic respiratory failure and strategies to improve outcomes in Uganda". He is a renowned, respected, and distinguished clinician-scientist with expertise across several domains. His major interests include perioperative medicine, organ dysfunction in critical illness, sepsis, and acute lung disease. He has been a massive advocate for capacity building in intensive care medicine in resource-limited settings for his entire career and a guiding light for all in this wonderful profession who are domiciled or have a particular interest in low-and middle-income countries (LMICs). Arthur has contributed immensely and meaningfully to the growth and advocacy of intensive care medicine in Uganda, Africa, LMICs and beyond, gaining recognition for his excellence and input both clinically and scientifically. He is involved in and has served on several prestigious national and international societies, bodies, and committees. Among these, Arthur has served as an advisor to the World Health Organisation in various capacities, been a panel member of the Surviving Sepsis Campaign Guidelines, chaired the National Intensive Care Masterplan Committee at Ministry of Health level in Uganda, helped quantify Uganda's oxygen needs for the COVID-19 pandemic, and was part of the USAID technical advisory group for oxygen and critical care support to LMICs. He was also a founder member and initial President of the Intensive Care Society of Uganda.

Arthur has been a constant in the Society and is a valued member of ESICM's Global Intensive Care Group. He served as the host for the inaugural delivery of the unique and exciting ALIVE Sepsis Course in Kampala, Uganda in 2019. He has been a pristine mentor in his own

country, supervising many higher degrees to successful completion and has initiated a large advocacy group for research in Africa among anaesthetists and those involved in intensive care medicine which spans several countries.

Additionally, Arthur has been a recipient of several large prestigious grants and awards directed at advancing care and research in LMICs, including from ESICM, and most recently, a £534,000 Wellcome Trust Grant as the Principal Investigator for the Acute Respiratory Interventions Study (ARISE) Multicenter trial comparing CPAP and HFNC in the management of acute hypoxemic respiratory failure in Uganda. His research output is voluminous, impressive, and meaningful, and he has been involved in several seminal papers in the field.

Of particular note has been Arthur's ability to overcome hurdles, obstacles and challenges frequently encountered in resource-limited settings to achieve what he has - and to make a difference in the lives of so many.

His achievements are complimented by his delightful demeanour and sharp and witty personality that always brings an exciting yet soothing presence into every conversation. His passion for the profession and scientific curiosity was evident early on as he interacted with colleagues and patients, leaving a lasting impression.

Arthur is not only an inspirational intensivists but a brother, a friend, a mentor, leader, family man and rugby enthusiast! His legacy within the global world of intensive care medicine and Africa is firmly imprinted. May this award and this special individual serve as a beacon of light and inspiration to all in our quest for a better world and intensive care medicine globally.

Perhaps it is apt to complete this citation with an African proverb that exemplifies this great Society, a most deserving recipient of this award, and intensive care medicine: "Our love is like the mist rain that falls softly, but floods the river..."

Let us all overflow in our ongoing passion, enthusiasm, and contributions for this beautiful discipline around the world.

We salute and congratulate you Arthur on this outstanding and most deserved achievement!

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ESICM Global Intensive Care Group Chair