



ANDERS PERNER

Honorary Membership of our Society is awarded to those who have made exceptional contributions to the Society or the field of Intensive Care Medicine. This year, the European Society of Intensive Care Medicine (ESICM) recognises Professor Anders Perner for his outstanding contributions to our Society, and to the field of Intensive Care Medicine.

Anders graduated medical school at the University of Copenhagen in 1993. He became the head of research at the Department of Intensive Care Medicine at the Rigshospitalet in Copenhagen in 2007, and a professor of Anaesthesiology and Intensive Care Medicine at the University of Copenhagen five years later, in 2012. He has been the Vice-Chair of the Organisation of Danish Medical Societies in Denmark since 2020. Anders continues to live in Copenhagen with his lovely wife, Mette, and their children (if they are not exploring the globe).

The contributions Anders has made to the Society over the years have been numerous. He was the Deputy Editor for Intensive Care Medicine, was a member of the Task Force on colloid volume therapy in critically ill patients, a member of the ESICM Guideline on Transfusion strategies in non-bleeding critically ill adults, a member of the recent ESICM guidelines on Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome, and a frequent speaker at ESICM conferences.

Anders has made a considerable impact in the field of Intensive Care Medicine by leading landmark trials like the 6S, TRISS, and CLASSIC trials, the results of which have improved fluid and transfusion therapy in patients with sepsis; and the COVID STEROID trials, contributing to improved treatment of patients with COVID-19. He is dedicated to improving patient care by investigating treatments that we give to our patients frequently (like IV fluids, blood products and antibiotics), and exploring the

balance between benefit and harm. Along this line, he leads the Intensive Care Platform Trial (INCEPT), a randomised, multifactorial, adaptive platform trial planned to enrol acutely admitted adult ICU patients within the Collaboration for Research in Intensive Care network in Denmark and internationally.

At his core, Anders is a clinical researcher. He is an advocate for robust, high-quality research and hates research waste. If there was an Ocean Clean-up for research waste, Anders would be an eager participant. He is a valued research supervisor and mentor to many and is an advocate for collaboration and diversity in research. But most of all, Anders is kind, wise, and humble. In the same way that he nurtures the plants in his allotment in Copenhagen, he nurtures young researchers and other mentees in his group to create a culture of excellence, teamwork, and inclusivity. He is an inspiring leader and a role model, and it is with great pleasure that the Society awards him the Honorary Membership.

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ESICM Chair of the Education and Training Committee