



## JOËL ALEXANDRE

It gives me great pleasure to write this citation to honour the work delivered over 12 years by Joël Alexandre, the staunch Chief Executive Officer of the European Society of Intensive Care Medicine (ESICM). It is uncommon for a Scientific Society to acknowledge that the contribution of its CEO has benefited so much to its membership. Yet, this is almost an understatement as he has overseen so many significant advancements within our organisation.

Joël Alexandre obtained a Master's degree in Financial Management from the University of Montpellier where his delicious Southern accent did not stand out. His training quickly led him to tenure as Financial Director for large industrial groups such as Bergame, VAG or Inchcape, positioning him as an expert in managing large teams and overseeing significant budgets and assets. He then wanted to find a more meaningful purpose in his actions and we were lucky enough to recruit him in 2012. I had the chance to be the first ESICM President to work with him within the Executive Committee and, like all my successors, I was able to appreciate his formidable dedication, capacity for work, adaptation and management of complex operations.

Over the years, Joël has demonstrated an exceptional ability to guide our organisation toward sustained success. His strategic oversight has been pivotal in fostering the growth of ESICM within the scientific community. In close collaboration with the Executive Committee, he has played a critical role in executing strategies that align with the evolving needs of ESICM members and partners. Beyond his strategic acumen, Joël Alexandre excels in financial management. His broad expertise spans risk management, tax and investment portfolios, ensuring that the Society operates within optimal financial conditions while adhering to EU regulatory frameworks.

Under his leadership, ESICM has become a beacon of progress and collaboration in intensive care medicine, enhancing educational outreach through innovative initiatives like webinars and new digital concepts. His meticulous approach to business development, project management and negotiations has been instrumental in solidifying the society's long-term sustainability. But what sets Joël Alexandre apart is probably his commitment to fostering relationships that enhance organisational capacity. His oversight of corporate relations ensures excellence in partnerships with industry, making him an invaluable asset in developing alliances and strategic relationships that benefit both ESICM and the broader field of intensive care. His leadership can also be defined by his ability to inspire a strong, mission-driven culture among his teams. His outstanding capacity to handle the complexities of leading large, international organisations in a dynamic and challenging healthcare environment has been recognised by his peers as he has been awarded the Overall Best European Association Award in 2019.

Joël Alexandre's multifaceted career, from his early days in financial management to his current leadership role at ESICM, is marked by a continuous drive for excellence and innovation. His stewardship of ESICM has not only elevated the Society's standing within the global scientific community but has also reinforced the critical role of strong leadership in advancing the field of intensive care medicine. As we thank him and honour his work and dedication, it is now time to wish that he continues to help the ESICM leadership shape the future of our Society, ensuring it remains at the forefront of medical innovation and collaboration.

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