

**YASEEN ARABI**

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 Yaseen Arabi for his outstanding contributions to the field of Intensive Care Medicine and to our Society.

Yaseen completed his medical training at Damascus University in Damascus, Syria, and pursued residency in Internal Medicine at Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan, where he also served as Chief Resident. He later completed his fellowship in Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine at the University of Wisconsin–Madison.

Since returning to Saudi Arabia, he has been a driving force in shaping the delivery of intensive care and research across the region. His leadership has been recognised with the Ministry of Health's Pioneer Research Award and the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Saudi Critical Care Society in 2019, among other awards. He currently serves as Chairman of the Intensive Care Department and Medical Director of Respiratory Services at King Abdulaziz Medical City, and as Professor of Critical Care at King Saud bin Abdulaziz University for Health Sciences.

Yaseen's contributions to the field are both broad and deep. During the MERS-CoV outbreak, he led work ranging from histopathological investigations to clinical trials on convalescent plasma therapy, providing essential insights that guided care strategies. In the COVID-19 pandemic, he played a central role in REMAP-CAP's international collaboration. He contributed to evaluating emerging evidence and prioritising therapeutic agents for further investigation through his involvement with the World Health Organisation (WHO). He also served as a member of the O2CoV2 Steering Committee. He has published over 600 scientific papers, and as a Section Editor for Intensive Care Medicine, he plays a pivotal role in shaping the publication's content and direction.

I met Yaseen at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, when working together on REMAP-CAP. We spent countless hours in virtual meetings across time zones—from the US to New Zealand—often at highly inconvenient hours for him in Saudi Arabia. There, and in Surviving Sepsis Campaign Guideline meetings, I came to know him as someone who listens intently—quieter than loud—but when he speaks, his words carry weight. His insights are always sharp and thoughtful, and he has a calm, critical mind. When Yaseen shares a joke or speaks with passion, a spark lights up his striking blue eyes—a quiet reminder of the warmth and humanity behind his calm presence.

Yaseen's dedication to advancing critical care medicine, his leadership during global health crises, and his commitment to research and education make him a truly deserving recipient of the ESICM Honorary Membership.

ESICM is proud to present Danielle Bear with this prestigious award in recognition of her outstanding contributions to dietetics, clinical care, and research.

LENNIE DERDE

ESICM Past-Chair of the Education and Training Committee