

**JOS M. LATOUR**

Within the European Society of Intensive Care Medicine (ESICM), Professor Jos M. Latour hardly needs an introduction. Widely recognised for his tireless commitment, he has made outstanding contributions to both our Society and to the fields of intensive care medicine and critical care nursing. It is therefore a great pleasure for ESICM to award him Honorary Membership.

Jos stands as a respected colleague in critical care nursing and multi-disciplinary intensive care research. His career, covering more than four decades, has been defined by an unwavering commitment to advancing patient and family-centred care in ICUs across the lifespan. He started as a nurse and specialized early in paediatric intensive care, laying the foundation for a lifelong commitment to improving care for vulnerable patients. Driven by a passion for knowledge and advancing practice, he obtained a Master of Science in Nursing at Cardiff University in the United Kingdom, followed by a PhD at Sophia Children's Hospital in the Netherlands. His academic career progressed to Professorship in Clinical Nursing in Plymouth from where he has grown into a truly international leader. As a valued and respected collaborator, he has contributed to and shaped research and education worldwide, including professorial and advisory roles in Australia and in academic centres in China.

Jos is really outstanding in his work, with numerous grants and publications in leading journals. He is remarkable in his dedication to mentorship, having enabled and inspired many PhD candidates and medical trainees. Moreover, he is an engaging and able speaker on a wide range of topics, with particular passion for human- and family-centred care, implementation of evidence into clinical practice, quality of care and patient experience, and shared decision-making in intensive care, with a special focus on nursing.

Jos has been a member and active contributor of ESICM since he attended his first ESICM congress in 1998 in Stockholm, leaving a lasting impact on the field as well as on many colleagues and institutions with whom he has collaborated. Jos always makes himself available for conducting teaching, training, offering his creative ideas to society and providing wise advice. Being a Nurses and Allied Healthcare Professionals (NAHP) Committee member (back in 2010) and his contributions to the ESICM congresses, Jos has helped shape the Society into a more inclusive, multidisciplinary community. Recently, he initiated and has been on the lead in developing work on human-centered partnership in the intensive care. Moreover, Jos was elected (deputy) Chair of the Ethics Section, becoming the first non-physician in the history of ESICM to hold this position.

Jos brings an inspiring energy to all that he undertakes. He is proactive, a skilled negotiator, and a strong strategic thinker, combined with a great sense of humour. His ability to think outside the box has been instrumental in developing initiatives that have significantly strengthened the voice, position, and leadership of nurses within intensive care. His sustained leadership within ESICM and his profound influence on the global critical care community reflects a rare combination of academic excellence, professional integrity, and humanistic commitment.

I am privileged of knowing Jos for many years and have always greatly appreciated his dedication, professionalism, charisma, and friendship. It is with great pride that we present him with this prestigious award.

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Chair of the ESICM N&AHP Committee