



Michael Pinsky

The European Society of Intensive Care Medicine proudly awards this citation of Honorary Membership to Professor Michael Pinsky for his major contributions to Intensive Care Medicine around the world.

Michael Pinsky received his MD from McGill University in Montreal in 1974, graduating with honours. After an Internal Medicine residency and Pulmonary Medicine fellowship at Stanford University with additional cardiopulmonary physiology training at Johns Hopkins Medical Institution, he joined the University of Pittsburgh faculty in 1981.

He is currently Professor of Critical Care Medicine with secondary appointments in Cardiovascular Diseases, Clinical & Translational Science, Anaesthesiology and Bioengineering at the University of Pittsburgh.

Prof. Pinsky's research over the years has mostly focused on the fields of heart-lung interactions, cardiovascular insufficiency, and haemodynamic monitoring. He has published more than 230 peer-reviewed papers, many in leading medical journals.

His expertise and knowledge are recognised internationally as demonstrated by his regular invitations to speak at national and international symposia and his position on the editorial boards of several journals. We were honoured to have him spend time with us as a Visiting Professor at Erasme Hospital, University of Brussels in 1988/89, during which we formed a valuable collaboration that has spanned the years. He continues to join us in Brussels every December as co-chairman for our annual Course on Cardiovascular and Respiratory Physiology Applied to ICM.

Teaching is one of Michael's key interests and one of his (many) fortes. When faced with an attentive audience, Michael seems to shine – transmitting his message with enthusiasm and clarity. He has the innate ability to adapt automatically to his listeners and always ensures his presentations are ably illustrated with appropriate images and diagrams.

Michael's dynamic approach to work spills over into most other aspects of his life, or perhaps it's the other way round. Either way, his sheer energy for life sometimes makes it difficult to keep up with him and his exuberance can, on occasion, get him into trouble! Whatever the situation, you can be assured that Michael's heart is very

much in the right place and I am honoured to count him among my friends.

Michael has established himself as a leader in his field, an inspired proponent of translation from basic physiology to patient care. When someone mentions "functional haemodynamic monitoring", the name that immediately springs to mind is: Michael Pinsky.

In 2012, Michael's contributions to the field of critical care medicine were officially recognised as he became one of the first 20 critical care physicians to become a Master of Critical Care Medicine (MCCM) of the Society of Critical Care Medicine.

In this citation of Honorary Membership, the ESICM recognises how important Michael Pinsky's contributions have been not only in the USA but also across Europe. I am privileged to be able to present him with this richly deserved recognition of his service to intensive care medicine.

JEAN-LOUIS VINCENT