

Laudatio for Gamal Abbas
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Dr. Gamal Eldin Abbas Khalifa was born in 1953 in Egypt. He graduated with honor for Medicine and Surgery 1977 in Alexandria. This was followed by Master degrees in Emergency Medicine and Disaster Medicine in Alexandria and Novara, Italy. Additionally Gamal holds a diploma for health care administration.

Gamal started his medical career as GP in 1979. He was interested in the field of resuscitation from the right beginning. Following his residency in Egypt he continued his professional career in the fields of emergency medicine and intensive care in various countries in Africa and the Middle East. From his early steps in career he became an expert in resuscitation who is recognised on a national and an international level. In 2001 he was one of the founders of the Egyptian Resuscitation Council. He became a well-recognised speaker in the field of resuscitation in national and international meetings.

Gamal contributed substantially to resuscitation education. He started ERC courses in Egypt and initiated an EU funded project for faculty development and translation of the ERC course system into the Arabic speaking part of the world. He supported the course introduction in several countries in Africa, Europe and the Middle East. Within the ERC course system, he served as instructor, organiser, director and educator. Especially in Africa and the Middle East his knowledge of culture and potential pitfalls, requiring considerable administrative, diplomatic and fund-raising skills, meant great support to the ERC in order to achieve our main goal "Bringing resuscitation to the world".

As member of the international course committee for Advanced Life Support Gamal helped with course material, course structure and faculty development. He was part of a task force defining quality management criteria for our educational programs. He was member of the writing groups for course manuals and instructor manuals in several editions.

Gamal participated in numerous publications on resuscitation. He serves as a co-author for a number of books in Emergency and Disaster medicine. He's member of the writing groups for ERC guidelines. Additionally, he's a very active reviewer for resuscitation. Gamal participated in most of ERC conferences since 2000 to date as a member of the scientific committee, speaker, poster judge and session chair.

In 2010, Gamal was granted the Fellowship of ERC for his hard work, devotion and achievements in the field of Resuscitation.

Gamal is very hard working, loyal and trusted person. He is fully committed to the aims of ERC and therefore its my honor to award you, Gamal, with the Honorary Membership of the European Resuscitation Council.