

## **Citation for Honorary Membership of the European Resuscitation Council**

### **Professor Gavin Perkins**

Gavin Perkins is a National Institute of Health Research (NIHR) Senior Investigator and Professor of Critical Care Medicine at the University of Warwick and is Director of the Warwick Clinical Trials Unit. Clinically he holds appointments as a consultant physician in Critical Care Medicine at University Hospitals Birmingham and as a Consultant for the Medical Emergency Response Incident Team (MERIT) Team with West Midlands Ambulance Service.

Gavin has made outstanding contributions to resuscitation science and education internationally; indeed, he is without doubt one of the leading academics globally in resuscitation medicine; indeed according to expertscape.com, he is THE leading expert in resuscitation worldwide.

Gavin has made substantial contributions to the ERC for many years: he was Chair of the BLS Committee and Director of ERC Guidelines for 5 years each. He was appointed Director of ERC Science and Research from last year. Gavin is highly sought after as a lecturer and has been a speaker at every ERC Conference since 1998.

Gavin was appointed ILCOR Co-chair in 2015 and with Bob Neumar, his fellow Co-chair, he has steered ILCOR from strength to strength and has been a major contributor to several ILCOR Scientific Statements. Gavin has been a strong influence on ILCOR's mission to widen its representation and improve diversity. ILCOR honoured Gavin as a Resuscitation Giant last year.

Gavin has been a major contributor to the Resuscitation Council UK for more than 20 years. Among his many contributions, perhaps most notable was his development, evaluation and implementation of the e-ALS course – this has enabled many healthcare providers to continue to receive ALS training during the COVID-19 pandemic. Gavin is currently Chair of the RC UK Community and Ambulance Resuscitation (CARE) Committee and his leadership has brought together all the relevant stakeholders in out-of-hospital cardiac arrest. Gavin established the UK Out-of-Hospital Cardiac Arrest Outcomes Registry in 2012, this one of only a few truly national cardiac arrest registries globally.

As Director of the Warwick Clinical Trials Unit, Gavin leads a highly respected team of academics who have produced some of the most influential resuscitation studies in recent times, most notably the PARAMEDIC-2 trial. He is currently Chief Investigator of the PARAMEDIC-3 trial, a randomised clinical trial of intraosseous versus intravenous access in out-of-hospital cardiac arrest. Gavin was recently appointed as Editor-in-Chief of the new Open Access journal Resuscitation Plus but, fortunately, he remains as one of four editors of *Resuscitation*, and I

remain very grateful for his valuable advice on papers submitted to the journal. Gavin's scientific outputs are not confined to resuscitation; he has also published many high-impact papers in the field of respiratory and critical care medicine, most recently the RECOVERY-RS trial, a study of ventilatory strategies in COVID-19 pneumonitis. Gavin has been Director of Research for the UK Intensive Care Society since 2010. He has authored more than 360 peer reviewed publications and in 2019 was elected to Fellowship of the Academy of Medical Science, a prestigious accolade awarded to only the very best scientists in the UK.

Gavin's contribution to resuscitation science, clinical practice and education has been, and continues to be, outstanding and inspiring. He has been a great friend, colleague and collaborator for much of my career and I am absolutely delighted that he has been awarded with Honorary Membership of the European Resuscitation Council.

Jerry Nolan