

Prof. Dr. Kazua Okada qualified in medicine in 1955 and graduated in anaesthesiology.

After his PHD he went to Paris for two years as French government scholarship.

In 1972 he became Professor and Chairman of the Department of Anesthesiology at Teikyo University and in 1980, Director of the Emergency Care Department.

His research fields were originally concentrated on the physiopathology of shock and extended toward resuscitation.

Professor Okada published widely in his fields of research.

He was founder or co-founder, director and eventually became Honorary Member of many Japanese and international scientific societies in Anesthesiology, Internal Medicine, Shock sciences and Resuscitation sciences.

His interest in resuscitation grew progressively and he founded the Japan Society of Reanimatology (1982) at a time Japanese physicians were not familiar with the concept. Expansion and development of resuscitation training in Japan has been his goal since then.

The Japanese Resuscitation Council and the Resuscitation Council of Asia have been established by his initiative and officially been approved as a new ILCOR Member in 2006.

He coordinated a very successful ILCOR meeting in Osaka in 2009. Nowadays he is Emeritus Chair of Resuscitation Council of Asia. For his very important contribution to resuscitation, European Resuscitation Council is proud and honored to have Kazua Okada as an Honorary Member.

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