

## Burkhard Dirks Awarded “Honorary Membership” of the European Resuscitation Council

Following a nomination by the German Resuscitation Council, and in recognition of his outstanding commitment to resuscitation science and education in particular, the Board of Directors of the ERC has awarded Burkhard Dirks with Honorary Membership of the ERC.



Burkhard Dirks began his career within the ERC during the congress in Brighton in 1997. In 2002 he organized the first German language ERC advanced life support course in Baden-Baden, where Peter Baskett was course director. When the ERC courses were initiated in Lyon, he was a member of the faculty and afterwards promoted the courses in Germany and the German speaking countries. Soon he became speaker of the Gold Members and was member of the Executive Committee of the ERC for Germany from 2005.

In 2007, Burkhard Dirks founded the German Resuscitation Council (GRC) and became its first president. At that time he also became elected representative of the National Resuscitation Councils within the ERC. In 2010, during the guidelines conference in Porto, he was awarded “Fellow of the ERC” (FERC).

Burkhard Dirks was official representative during the International Consensus on CPR Science Conferences in 2005 and 2010 in Dallas and was the editor responsible for translating the ERC guidelines into German during 2005 until 2015. Consequently, he took responsibility for the publication of the German language version of the ERC Guidelines for Resuscitation in *Notfall & Rettungsmedizin*.

During his career, Burkhard Dirks has worked as course director for various ERC courses formats, e.g. Advanced Life Support, Generic Instructor Course, Immediate Life Support and Basic Life Support.

His fantastic academic career reflects his outstanding motivation and engagement for resuscitation science. He has published many scientific papers on resuscitation and emergency medicine as well as a highly regarded textbook on emergency medicine.

We wish to congratulate Burkhard Dirks on being awarded Honorary Membership” of the ERC.

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