

Citation for Dr David Fell.

Ladies and Gentlemen it gives me great pleasure to give the citation for my good friend and colleague Dr David Fell.

David was born in Northumberland, which might explain why I could never really work out if he was Scots or English, but it does mean he has a choice of good Rugby teams to support, and Scotland.

David was an undergraduate in Edinburgh graduating in 1974, and his early training was in this beautiful but windy city.

His Anaesthesia career began at The Royal Hospital for Sick Children Edinburgh where he was supervised by among others APA founding member Dr Douglas Shannon. After registrar training, David travelled further north, to Newfoundland at the Charles Janeway Child health Centre.

He finally moved to Balmy Leicester (did we mention they are premier league Champions) as a Senior Registrar. There he stayed becoming a Senior Lecturer, and later College Tutor, Regional Advisor and Head of service for Anaesthesia.

He had numerous roles within the college, including assistant editor of the BJA and was a FRCA examiner for thirteen years.

When I first met David in the early 90's, he was one of three Paediatric Anaesthetists. Children were cared for by a mixture of adult and paediatric surgeons, nurses and anaesthetists. The Wards, Recovery and Intensive care were populated by a mixture of children and adults and there was a paucity of paediatric equipment.

Now in Leicester under David's care we have a child focused service, twelve consultants, dedicated twenty four hour emergency care, a paediatric pain service a paediatric recovery and proper CICU.

David has always been generous with his time and effort almost to a fault. But there are two things I admire in David, his calmness and decisiveness. In a crisis or if a difficult decision needs to be made David would pause and think (count to ten, metaphorically), long before 'Non

Technical Skills', he could assess a situation quickly and accurately. and proceed calmly and efficiently.

We miss him a lot!

He is not infallible however: his advice on how to pass the FRCA, don't move or buy a house, get married or have children was ignored by me a several others in this room.

David enjoys Sailing, watching the rugby and learning Italian, all things I'm sure he will continue with his lovely wife Sue.

E il mio grande piacere di presentare il Dr David Fell di adesione onorario dell'Associazione dei pediatrici Anestesisti di Gran Bretagne e Irlanda.

It is my great pleasure to present Dr David Fell for honorary Membership of the Association of Paediatric Anaesthetists of Great Britain and Ireland.

