

It is a privilege and honour for me to give the citation for my friend Dr Neil Morton.

Neil graduated from Aberdeen University in 1978 and started his anaesthetic career 2 years later. After a period abroad in Montreal Children's Hospital he took up his consultant post in paediatric anaesthesia, intensive care and pain management at the Royal Hospital for Sick Children in Glasgow in 1989. Neil also has had a long and productive relationship with the University Department of Anaesthesia in Glasgow and was appointed Senior Lecturer and Honorary Consultant in 1998 and Reader and Honorary Consultant in 2010, with both of these University appointments being based at the Children's Hospital.

Neil has an outstanding research record and has published widely. He was awarded an MD in 2009 for this thesis "Improving Pain Management in Children", and this summarised 20 years of his published work in this field. His research interests and abilities led to his editorial involvement in many journals and, in 2008, he was appointed Editor-in-Chief of the journal *Pediatric Anesthesia*.

Neil's association with the APA has been long and fruitful. He was elected to Council as the member for Scotland in 2000. Subsequently he became Treasurer in 2002 and was elected President in 2009. He initiated and led the "Guidelines and Standards Committee" within the APA and was pivotal in producing guidelines that have been widely adopted, both nationally and internationally. As well as chairing the

“Professional Standards Committee” Neil was also closely involved with the “Scientific Committee” and assisted in the development the APA Website.

Within Europe Neil was appointed Chairman of Scientific Committee of the European Society for Paediatric Anaesthesiology in 2010 and was elected President of this Society in 2013.

Neil has always pursued the quality agenda and has been involved in setting standards of care for children through his association with many different organisations and professional bodies. In particular, I would like to highlight his work with SIGN, NICE and more recently the Academy of Royal Colleges in developing safer sedation practices for children.

Each generation produces a number of people of outstanding ability and, in my generation, Neil is one of these individuals. Not only has he made a huge contribution to the APA, but also to our specialty of paediatric anaesthesia. This was highlighted in 2008 when he was awarded the “Featherstone Award” by the Association of Anaesthetists for, and I quote “A substantial contribution to the practice of anaesthesia”.

Ladies and gentlemen, it gives me great pleasure to present Dr Neil Morton for Honorary Membership of the Association of Paediatric Anaesthetists of Great Britain and Ireland.