

**Professor Per-Arne Lönnqvist,
Honorary member APAGBI**

Professor Per-Arne Lönnqvist, is a senior consultant in Paediatric anaesthesia and Intensive care and has been working in the field of our specialty for almost 30 years in the same city where he was born, Stockholm. He graduated from medical school in 1982 and achieved the Swedish certification in Anaesthesiology in 1988 and obtained the European Board certification in 1991. His PhD defence took place in 1996 and his Privat Docent in 1997 when he became associate professor and 10 years later in 2007, was promoted to full professor.



Faithful to his roots, he has accomplished almost all his career at the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm. Because of his natural charisma and evident talent as a leader, he was appointed very early in his career as the Clinical Director of the Surgical Unit a post he held until 1996. Then in 2001, he took up the Chairman of the Anaesthesia & Surgical Unit. One may think that he never left Stockholm. On the contrary, his enthusiastic curiosity and his spirit of discovery led him to several trips around the world starting as a visiting assistant Professor at the Oregon Health Sciences University for almost a year; but his hunger for the discovery of various anaesthesia cultures (I may say) guided him through various visiting professor tours across Duke, Glasgow, Alder Hay, Seattle and Texas Children's.

Enthusiastic clinical scientist as he is, he devoted his main research on paediatric regional analgesia and has made immeasurable contributions to our specialty focusing on pain management and the development of regional analgesia techniques in children. He was the first to publish and teach the paravertebral blockade in kids. He is a truly enthusiastic promoter of science; Per-Arne has always been a dedicated mentor and teacher, an outstanding researcher and editor (15 years for Pediatric Anesthesia and 12 years for the British Journal of Anaesthesia). He supervised more than 10 PhD students, has over 135 publications and wrote 25 book chapters. His scientific achievements are widely recognized and he is widely respected for his accomplishments, his intellect, and his scientific integrity.

Prof Lönnqvist has a strong international reputation not only in science and anaesthesia, but also in other fields or I would say on various fields. He has this unique way of swinging!! You may guess which of the 2 pictures is the right one. Highly dedicated to his family, his other interests are driven by his great intellectual curiosity regarding wine and cheese, jazz, travelling and discovering other cultures and meeting with colleagues and friends from all over the world who gather around him and affirming that he is the smartest Scandinavian paediatric anaesthesiologist.

In recognition of his many achievements in the field of Paediatric Anaesthesia, and on behalf of the APA Council and as overseas representative, it gives me great pleasure to propose Prof Per-Arne Lönnqvist for Honorary membership of the Association of Paediatric Anaesthesia of Great Britain and Ireland.