PRESS RELEASE ~ ESICM Honoured with Award

Surviving Sepsis Campaign (SSC) recognised as "Sepsis Hero"

ESICM President Jean-Daniel Chiche accepted an award on behalf of the SSC at a ceremony held in New York on World Sepsis Day September 13th. "Sepsis Heroes: An Evening Celebrating Champions of Sepsis Awareness", was an event held to honour people and organisations who work to promote sepsis awareness.

This award highlights the work of the SSC since its' formation in 2002 by ESICM and the Society of Critical Care Medicine (SCCM), and specifically for the development of evolving guidelines for the management of severe sepsis and shock, something that had not previously existed. Recent study findings showed that the spread and implementation of SSC guidelines has resulted in clear improvements in sepsis care, noting a 25% decrease in sepsis mortality rates.

The SSC is further committed to collecting data from 10,000 hospitals worldwide, to apply the guidelines to 100 percent of patients in whom the diagnosis is suspected, and developing a strategy to improve the care of septic patients in under-resourced areas.

For more information about the Surviving Sepsis Campaign (SSC), its initiatives and updated guidelines, please visit the SSC website - http://www.survivingsepsis.org.

To learn about / join IMPRESS, an one-day point prevalence study (organised under the framework of the SSC), which aims to determine the global burden and clinical patterns of sepsis - November 7th, 2013, visit the IMPRESS website - http://impress-ssc.com.