

REMEMBERING PROFESSOR TONY GERSHLICK



Tony Gershlick, Professor of Interventional Cardiology at the University of Leicester and a Consultant Cardiologist at Glenfield Hospital, passed away on Friday, 20 November 2020 due to a COVID-19 infection. He was 69.

Tony was an esteemed Interventional Cardiologist and the recipient of the inaugural British Cardiovascular Intervention Society (BCIS) Lifetime Achievement Career Award in 2017. He was a pioneer in the field and his work played a major role in improving the treatment of patients with heart attacks.

„Tony was a great person to work with – enthusiastic, humorous and knowledgeable – he always wanted to improve cardiovascular health care through high quality research.“
– Marcus Flather, UEA.

Improving the outlook of patients was at the centre of Tony’s research activities. He was the UK lead of over 10 international trials and attracted significant funding from bodies such as the British Heart Foundation, the National Institute for Health Research, the

Medical Research Council and of course the European Commission.

“Tony was a great colleague, friend and mentor. His enthusiasm, commitment and drive to conduct high quality research and answer those questions that needed to be addressed to improve patient care and outcomes was truly inspiring. He always encouraged me, as he did with so many of his trainees, to develop as both a clinician and a researcher. It was a privilege to work with him in the cath lab, where he taught me so much about coronary angioplasty, on the wards and also on various research projects in Leicester.” – Amerjeet Banning, ULEIC.

Without Tony, there would be no EURO SHOCK. He was vital in developing the proposal which led to the funding of the EURO SHOCK Research and Innovation Action by the European Commission through its Horizon 2020 funding programme.

And his commitment did not end after the grant was signed. His energy and passion have contributed greatly to getting this trial up and running.

To many of us in EURO SHOCK, he was not just the scientific lead but a dear colleague and good friend. He will be missed by all of us in EURO SHOCK.

“I had the pleasure in knowing and working with Tony for over 25 years. I started my research career with him and was delighted when he approached me to work alongside him on EURO SHOCK. His dedication and enthusiasm had me totally enthralled. He was not only my boss but a very dear and long-time friend.” – Jay Gracey, ULEIC.

Our sympathies go out to his family, his friends, his colleagues at the University of Leicester and Glenfield Hospital and the whole cardiology community in Europe and worldwide.



EURO SHOCK group at the Consortium meeting at KU Leuven, 05 December 2019.