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IARS Appoints Jean-François Pittet, MD, as Incoming Editor-in-Chief for *Anesthesia & Analgesia*

San Francisco, CA (January 21, 2015) - The International Anesthesia Research Society (IARS) announces that Jean-François Pittet, MD, will succeed Steven L. Shafer, MD, as Editor-in-Chief of its flagship journal *Anesthesia & Analgesia* (A&A). Dr. Shafer's current term expires in March 2016.

Dr. Pittet is a veteran educator and researcher in the fields of critical care, trauma and perioperative medicine. In the position as Editor-in-Chief of A&A, Dr. Pittet will set the tone and editorial direction of this 93-year-old journal, the oldest in the specialty of anesthesiology. He will continue to be based in Birmingham, Alabama, and will work closely with the IARS staff in San Francisco, California.

Denise J. Wedel, MD, Chair of the IARS Board of Trustees says: "We are delighted that Dr. Pittet will be joining *Anesthesia & Analgesia* as its new Editor-in-Chief. The IARS Board was overwhelmingly supportive of his candidacy, and we are confident that Dr. Pittet will continue Dr. Shafer's legacy of creativity and innovation, as well as expanding our journal's content coverage into new areas."

A 1977 graduate of the School of Medicine of the University of Lausanne, Switzerland, Dr. Pittet completed his postgraduate training in anesthesia and critical care medicine in Switzerland and worked as a clinician-scientist at the Universities of Lausanne and Geneva. In 1990, Dr. Pittet joined the Cardiovascular Research Institute at the University of California San Francisco for a 2-year fellowship and then in 1992 the UCSF Department of Anesthesiology and Perioperative Medicine. For 18 years, Dr. Pittet worked as trauma anesthesiologist at San Francisco General Hospital, the trauma center of the City and County of San Francisco, CA. In 2010, Dr. Pittet was recruited to the Department of Anesthesiology at the University of Alabama at Birmingham where he holds the title of David H. Chestnut Professor of Anesthesiology and Vice Chair/Director of the Division of Critical Care and Perioperative Medicine. Dr. Pittet has served as a visiting professor at numerous universities in North America and in Europe. In particular, he was a visiting professeur associe at the university of Nice-Sophia Antipolis, France, for the academic year 2013-2014. His research activity supported by the National Institute of Health and the Department of Defense is focused on the mechanisms of acute lung injury after sepsis and trauma and on the mechanisms of posttraumatic coagulopathy. He has published 80 peer-reviewed scientific papers on basic science in high-impact journals, 59 articles in clinical science, 30 review articles, and 20 book chapters.

About the IARS

[The International Anesthesia Research Society](#) is a nonpolitical, not-for-profit medical society founded in 1922 to advance and support scientific research and education related to anesthesia, and to improve patient care through basic research. The IARS contributes nearly \$1 million annually to fund anesthesia research; provides a forum for anesthesiology leaders to share information and ideas; maintains a worldwide membership of more than 15,000 physicians, physician residents, and others with doctoral degrees, as well as health professionals in anesthesia related practice; sponsors the [SmartTots](#) initiative in partnership with the FDA; supports the [OpenAnesthesia](#) resident education website; and publishes the monthly journal [Anesthesia & Analgesia](#) and semi-monthly journal [A&A Case Reports](#).

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