



Zoom On: Zeev Goldik, President, European Society of Anaesthesiology



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Dr. Zeev Goldik became President of the [European Society of Anaesthesiology](#) in January 2016. Dr. Goldik is Head of Post Anaesthesia Care Unit at the [Carmel Medical Centre](#) in Haifa, Israel. He is Chairman of the [Council for European Specialist Medical Assessment \(CESMA\)](#), and Past President of the Israel Society of Anaesthesiologists.

1. What are your key areas of interest and research?

Education in Anaesthesia. I was Chair of the Examinations Committee of the [European Diploma in Anaesthesiology and Intensive Care \(EDAIC\)](#) for the last 10 years until I became President in January 2016. I witnessed the massive expansion of the European Diploma to more than 60 examination centres and more than 100 centres for the On Line Assessment (OLA). Over 2500 doctors have passed the full exam since 2005.

2. What are the major challenges in your field?

- Our hospital managers stress all the time the importance of productivity and efficiency. We are not “factory workers”. We need to continue learning, read papers and books, exchange knowledge and teach our young colleagues.
- Anaesthesiology is not only a skill it’s a science.

3. What is your top management tip?

Trying to understand others. Basing our relationship with people on mutual respect

4. What would you single out as a career highlight?

I have been awarded honorary membership of the Anaesthesia Societies in Israel, Ireland, Poland, Romania and Serbia. These were the most touching moments in my profession.

5. If you had not chosen this career path you would have become a...?

Musician. I play the guitar, saxophone and accordion. We have a family band.

6. What are your personal interests outside of work?

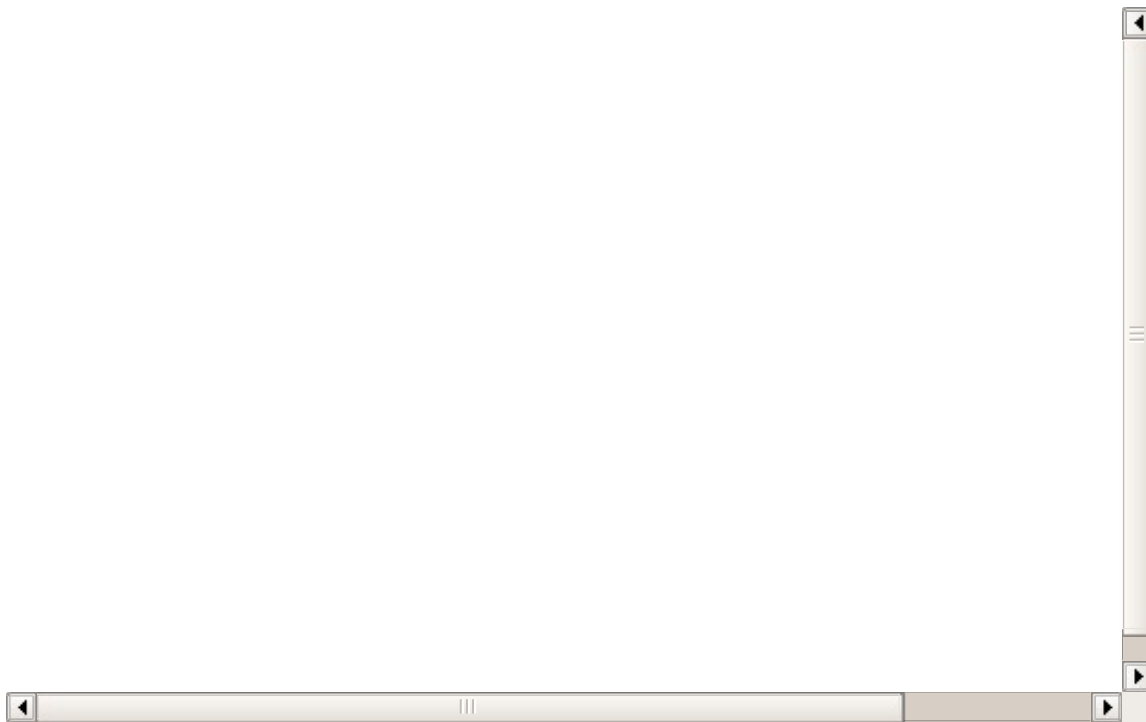
Swimming and ballroom dancing. I'm a football fan! My hospital colleagues and our families have 40 football seats in our new [football stadium in my city \(Haifa\)](#) and even our hospital flag flies there!

7. Your favourite quote?

"Don't specialise too much. When the doctors will specialise too much in their fields, they will replace you with technicians"- Joseph Goldik (my father)

Watch

Dr. Goldik interviewed (in English) at Tertúlias de Anestesiologia, the Portuguese Anaesthesiology gathering in September 2015.



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