

## Distinguished Speakers @WACEM2017COLOMBO



**Dr. Fatimah Lateef, MBBS, FRCS (Edin) (A&E), FAMS (Em. Med)**

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Dr. Lateef is a leader in true sense. A MP & an Academic Emergency Physician are two roles she plays very efficiently and effectively. In addition she is also the Vice Chair, Academic Clinical Program in Emergency Medicine & Director, Clinical Service and Quality. A strong advocate of lifelong learning and empowerment, she has presented more than 500 abstracts at international conferences and published over 180 scientific papers in peer-reviewed journals. She leads various leadership groups and has been conferred awards such as the Dean's Award for Excellence in Teaching, NUS (2008), Critical Talent Retention Award, SingHealth and The Academy of Medicine, Gold Reviewer Award (2011), Excellent Educator Award 2015, amongst others. She continues to work full time, with a fulfilling career in Emergency Medicine, as well as her political and community responsibilities as an elected Member of Parliament in Singapore. She has participated in two General Elections and runs one of the largest constituencies in Singapore. For recreation, Fatimah enjoys mountain climbing, cooking, reading and she has completed 15 full marathons.



**Professor Joel Gernsheimer, MD, FACEP (USA)**

Dr. Gernsheimer was born and grew up in Brooklyn. He graduated from Brooklyn College in 1969. He then attended the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in the Bronx. He did his Residency Training in the Lincoln Medical and Mental Health Center in the South Bronx. He subsequently achieved Board Certification in Emergency Medicine, Internal Medicine and Geriatrics. When he completed his training, he remained at Lincoln as an Attending Physician in the Emergency Department. He held many positions there, including, the Director of Emergency Services, and the Emergency Medicine Residency Program Director, which he was for 20 years. He came to work at SUNY Downstate/Kings County Hospital Medical Centers in 2007. He is currently an Attending Physician, Senior Educational Faculty Member, and the Director of the Division of Geriatric Emergency Medicine in the Department of Emergency Medicine there. He is also an ACLS instructor there. Dr. Gernsheimer has also worked and taught in Haiti, The Philippines, El Salvador and Venezuela. He has also written many Emergency Medicine articles and given many Grand Rounds Presentations. During the course of his long career in Emergency Medicine, Dr. Gernsheimer has received many awards and honors for patient care, and for teaching Medical Students, Residents, Nurses, Nurse Practitioners, Paramedics and Physician Assistants. Included in these awards and honors are being named a Hero of Emergency Medicine by the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP), and Emergency Medicine Physician of the Year by the New York Chapter of ACEP.



**Professor Hassan Al Thani, MD, FACS, MBA, MBBch, CABS, FRCSI/C (Qatar)**

Dr. Hassan Al Thani is the Head of Trauma and Vascular Surgery Sections of Hamad General Hospital, a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons and of the Royal College of Surgeons of Ireland. He graduated from the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland and completed his surgical training in both Qatar and Canada. He completed his training in trauma and vascular surgery at McMaster University Health Sciences, Canada. In 2004, after completion of his training, he joined Hamad General Hospital as a Senior Consultant in the Department of Surgery. In the same year he established the Vascular Surgery Section. Dr. Al Thani was involved in a number of administrative duties which included Board Member of Hamad Medical Corporation from 2006-2008, Chairman of the Organ Transplant Committee from 2008-2009, Board Member of Weill Cornell Medical College in Qatar from 2008 - 2012, Executive Board Member of the Gulf Vascular Society from 2007, President of the Gulf Vascular Society from 2009 and Board Member of Qatar Medical College and Chair of ATLS Chapter.



**Professor Salvatore Di Somma, MD (ITALY)**

Dr. Sal is the Academic leader at the Emergency Department, San Andrea Hospital, University Sapienza. He Graduated in Medicine “cum laude” (University of Naples), 1978. He achieved his Post Graduation “cum Laude” in Internal Medicine, (University of Naples), 1983. His subspecialty graduation “cum Laude” was in Cardiology, (University of Naples), 1987. He is the Professor of Medicine

He is the Director Emergency Medicine Sant’Andrea Hospital Rome II Medical School, University “La Sapienza” Rome. He represents EM at The Italian Society Emergency Medicine; Italian Society of Cardiology; Italian Society of Internal Medicine, Italian Society of Hypertension. His academic leadership positions include being the Chairman Emergency Medicine and Coordinator Medical and Surgery III and Emergency for students of Medicine II Medical School, University “La Sapienza” Rome since 2001. He also is the Chairman of the Postgraduate School of Emergency Medicine II Medical School, University “La Sapienza” Rome. He has over Greater than 300 Papers in the field of Cardiology and Emergency Medicine. Reviewer for International Medical Journals. More than 200 presentations, lectures and chairs to the major international Congress in Internal Medicine, Hypertension, Cardiology and Emergency Medicine.



**Professor Mark Fitzgerald, MD, GCSRTcert, FACEM, AFRACMA (AUSTRALIA)**

Professor Mark Fitzgerald is Director of the National Trauma Research Institute and Director of Trauma Services at The Alfred. He graduated MB BS from the University of Melbourne in 1981, achieved Fellowship of the Australasian College for Emergency Medicine in 1987, was awarded an MD for 'Computer Aided Decision Support for Trauma Reception and Resuscitation' from Monash University in 2015 and was a Global Clinical Scholar (Epidemiology and Biostatistics), Harvard Medical School 2014 - 2015. Professor Fitzgerald is an Ambulance Victoria Medical Advisor and a member of the Victorian State Trauma Committee. Professor Fitzgerald has led the establishment of trauma resuscitation and management programs along with Trauma Systems Development in Sri Lanka, India, China, the Philippines and Myanmar. Professor Fitzgerald's research themes include trauma systems improvement, error reduction and standardization of resuscitation care. He has over 110 publications in peer-review journals as well as 11 book chapters and is a reviewer for multiple medical and surgical journals. Honors awarded to Professor Fitzgerald include the Ambulance Service Medal (ASM) in 2003, the Foundation Medal Australasian College for Emergency Medicine in 2003, Honorary Life Membership of the Neurotrauma Society of India in 2010 and the Gordon Trinca Medal, Royal Australasian College of Surgeons in 2013.



**Professor Dr. Basar Cander, MD (TURKEY)**

Professor Basar Cander is President of Emergency Physician Association of Turkey (EPAT) and Chief of Emergency Medicine Department in Necmettin Erbakan University Meram Medicine School, Konya, Turkey and Chief of Emergency Service of Okmeydani Education & Research Hospital, Istanbul, Turkey.

He is one of the leaders in the development of emergency medicine especially during last decade in Turkey. EPAT realized national and international congresses and symposiums under his leadership. Beside Turkey, international symposiums held in Azerbaijan, Macedonia and North Cyprus of Turkish Republic had main goal to introduce emergency medicine in this countries.

He was president of 1st Intercontinental Emergency Medicine Congress in May 2014 which was a great meeting of emergency medicine and critical care medicine professionals from different part of the world in Turkey. He is current director of 'Advanced Life Support Course' in Turkey.

His main interest areas are acute care medicine, critical care medicine, mechanical ventilation and resuscitation. He has been invited as a speaker for many national and international conferences and courses. He has many peer-reviewed articles in scientific journals.



**Magsaysay Award Winners & Physicians  
Dr. Prakash Baba Amte & Dr. Mandakini Prakash Amte (INDIA)**

**Dr. Mandakini Amte & Dr. Prakash Baba Amte** are medical doctors and social workers from Maharashtra, India. Both were awarded the Magsaysay Award for 'Community Leadership in 2008 for their philanthropic work in the form of the Lok Biradari Prakalp amongst the Madia Gonds in Gadchiroli district of Maharashtra and the neighbouring states of Andhra Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh. Dr. Prakash is the Son and Dr. Mandakini is the daughter-in-law of Baba Amte. They completed her MBBS from Nagpur. She did her post-graduation in Anesthesia with Prakash, her future husband, was a surgeon and that's how they met. They worked together in the same operation theatre. Their values matched and they gelled well.

They moved to Hemalkasa to start the Lok Biradari Prakalp in 1973, a project for the development of tribal people, most of whom were the Madia Gond in the forests of Gadchiroli district in 1973. They lived and worked there without electricity, telephone etc. for almost twenty years and at times performed emergency surgical procedures without electricity. The project transformed into three things: a hospital, Lok Biradari Prakalp Davakhana, a residential school Lok Biradari Prakalp Ashram Shala and an orphanage for injured wild animals the Amte's Animal Park. It seeks to improve health and educational services for tribals in the area. Hemalkasa lies in a tribal belt and the project provides health care to about 40000 individuals annually. The Lok Biradari Prakalp Ashram School has over 600 students, residents and day scholars.

Amte's Animal Ark is a wildlife orphanage and sanctuary "The Ark" is an orphanage for young wild animals, whose parents have been killed by the tribal people only for food and not for fun or entertainment. Amte was successful to get these animals in exchange of food grains and clothes. However, it was not easy to do this. The Animal Ark today has a wide variety of animals like leopards, sloth bears, snakes, birds, deer, owls, crocodiles, hyenas, ankit and monkeys.