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The German Society of Anaesthesiology and Intensive Care Medicine (DGAI) honours Prof. Dr. Șerban-Ion Bubenek-Turconi with the appointment as Corresponding Member in recognition of his outstanding contributions to international anaesthesiology and intensive care and his longstanding commitment to strengthening European cooperation within the specialty.

Șerban-Ion Bubenek-Turconi was born in Bucharest in 1959. He graduated from the “Carol Davila” University of Medicine and Pharmacy in Bucharest in 1984. After his first clinical appointments in Bucharest, he began his specialist training in anaesthesiology and intensive care in 1988 at Fundeni Clinical Hospital and the University Emergency Hospital Bucharest. Early in his career, he specialised in cardiovascular anaesthesia and intensive care. Between 1991 and 1993, he worked as Assistant étranger at Université Pierre et Marie Curie Paris VI and Hôpital Pitié-Salpêtrière in Paris, focusing on adult and paediatric cardiac anaesthesia as well as perioperative intensive care medicine. In 1994, he obtained board certification in anaesthesiology and intensive care.

He subsequently assumed leading responsibilities in clinical medicine, academia and healthcare policy. Since 1996, Prof. Bubenek-Turconi has headed Romania’s first specialised Department of Cardiovascular Anaesthesia and Intensive Care at the “Prof. Dr. C.C. Iliescu” Emergency Institute for Cardiovascular Diseases in Bucharest. At the same time, he became actively involved in healthcare policy: serving as General Director for Health Policy and Development at the Romanian Ministry of Health from 1998 to 2000 and subsequently as President of the National Health Insurance House, he contributed significantly to the modernisation of the Romanian healthcare system.

From 2005 onwards, he also assumed executive leadership positions at the “Prof. Dr. C.C. Iliescu” Emergency Institute, initially as Medical Director and later as General Manager from 2010 to 2019. In parallel, his academic career at the “Carol Davila” University of Medicine and Pharmacy Bucharest continued to advance steadily. Following appointments as lecturer and associate professor, he was appointed Full Professor and Chair of Anaesthesiology and Intensive Care in 2015. Since 2024, he has been a member of the university’s Doctoral School and has served as a PhD supervisor. Prof. Bubenek-Turconi’s work has been closely linked to the development of modern cardiovascular anaesthesia and intensive care techniques. His fields of expertise include haemodynamic monitoring, perioperative echocardiography, ECMO therapy and strategies to reduce perioperative bleeding and systemic inflammation. Early in his career, he advocated for the implementation of advanced organ support therapies and structured treatment pathways in intensive care medicine. As head of several national programmes, he played a major role in establishing Romania’s programme for mechanical circulatory support systems and contributed to the introduction of the first artificial heart in Central and South-Eastern Europe. He has authored 49 books and book chapters as well as more than 140 scientific publications, has participated in numerous research projects and has led several national and European grant-funded initiatives. A central focus of his professional career has long been European collaboration within the specialty. Prof. Bubenek-Turconi has served for many years in leading positions within the ESAIC, including as a member of the Executive Board, ESAIC Council Member for Romania and Chair of the National Anaesthetists Societies Committee (NASC). Since 2008, he has also served as an international examiner for the European Diploma in Anaesthesiology and Intensive Care (EDAIC). In recognition of his contributions, he was appointed Fellow and Honorary Member of the ESAIC. Beyond this, Prof. Bubenek-Turconi has shaped Romanian anaesthesiology for many years through numerous scientific and healthcare policy roles. Since 2018, he has served as President of the Romanian Society of Anaesthesia and Intensive Care (SRATI). He has also served, among other positions, as President of the National Commission for Anaesthesiology and Intensive Care and as advisor to the Ministry of Health. During the COVID-19 pandemic, he was a member of national coordination committees for intensive care structures and infection control measures. In recognition of his achievements, he was awarded the National Order of Merit of Romania in the rank of Knight and named Honorary Citizen of Bucharest. With the appointment as Corresponding Member, the DGAI honours Prof. Bubenek-Turconi as a highly respected international representative of European anaesthesiology and intensive care medicine. His work combines clinical excellence, scientific innovation and a steadfast commitment to international collaboration, education and the structural advancement of the specialty.