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# Honours and Awards



## Association Award – Mr Adrian Cox

### Citation

Adrian has been involved in anaesthesia and intensive care medicine for 40 years. He started work for BOC Healthcare in 1980, having trained as an electro-mechanical engineer. His CV contains many famous British healthcare brands, that I and many others fondly remember, Ohmeda and Penlon are a couple of them. The switch from the oil industry to medical products, and especially anaesthesia and intensive care medicine, resulted in a long and distinguished career supporting numerous anaesthetists and anaesthesia departments, not only in the UK, but all over the world. Adrian travelled throughout the world and was often in Asia, the Middle East and Europe promoting British anaesthesia equipment.

Throughout my consultant career Adrian has worked for Intersurgical, for a large part of the past 25 years as International Products Manager. He has extensive knowledge of all aspects of breathing systems and has been involved closely with the Association of Anaesthetists and other professional membership organisations setting standards and facilitating patient safety initiatives. He was the very important industry conduit that facilitated the anaesthesia machine check list 'test bag', when a new version of the machine checklist was produced, when I was Honorary Secretary.

He has not only supported anaesthetists but also operating department practitioners, anaesthesia nurses, recovery and intensive care nursing staff. The support given to those who help anaesthetists should not be under-estimated. They are an integral part of our working lives and Adrian has always been there to support educational projects and to offer his very valuable advice.

In the modern era of email and perhaps a less personal approach to communication, Adrian has been a very positive force, and has always been just a phone call away to help solve problems and to discuss ideas. He has an encyclopaedic knowledge of breathing systems and was able to explain any product in a very approachable and relaxed style. It was always a highlight of trade exhibitions, not only those at Association meetings, but at many ESA and ASA meetings, to seek out Adrian at the Intersurgical stand and have a chat about products in development.

Anaesthetists of the future will be denied Adrian's expertise and friendship, but he has also influenced and taught many younger staff involved in supplying anaesthesia equipment. He will be missed at meetings and at committees at 21 Portland Place but there is no doubt he has made an enormous contribution to the safety of anaesthesia equipment and to the special relationship that exists between industry and anaesthesia.

I wish him all the best in his retirement with his family in his 'adopted' county of Yorkshire. A richly deserved recognition of a lifetime's dedication to anaesthesia.

Dr Richard Griffiths  
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Past Honorary Secretary, Association of Anaesthetists

