

## In memoriam

Marc DEJONCKHEERE

11/07/1958 – 29/09/2008

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Marc Dejonckheere died suddenly on Monday 29th September 2008.

Marc finished his training as anaesthesiologist in 1987 at the Free University of Brussels and obtained the qualification “European master in Anaesthesia in 1992”.

Marc had a large medical and anaesthesiology culture and experience. He was eager to learn and to know. He had a wide clinical experience because he worked in different university hospitals and surgical areas.

After his qualification, he was at first resident at the Erasme and VUB hospitals before being appointed assistant Clinical Director at the Erasmus hospital. From 1998 to 2002, he was Clinical Director at the Bordet Institute. In 2002, Marc came back to work at the Erasme university hospital in

cardiac and thoracic anaesthesia where he was an expert in the transoesophageal echocardiography field.

Marc enjoyed reading the medical literature not only to improve his daily practice but also to participate and improve the education of all the young colleagues. He was a trainer in the Belgian Anaesthesia simulator and the organiser of a Glem. He was also co editor of the *Acta Anaesthesiologica Belgica*. During his career, he has always been the defender of our profession in Belgium.

But most of all, Marc was the faithful husband of Marianne Tondeur and the father of Antoine and Gilles who are respectively 18 and 13 years old. The Anesthesia community participate in the grief of his family.

We are grateful to Marc for all he did in his professional life for our speciality.

Luc BARVAIS  
Chief of staff, Erasme Hospital.

The Belgian anesthetic community was amazed and stunned by the announcement of the sudden and untimely death of Marc Dejonckheere. He was a respected colleague who was very helpful, accurate and supporting during the 20 months of being the co-editor of *Acta Anaesthesiologica Belgica*. By this way the SARB and the editorial board of the journal would like to express their feelings of condolences to his family, colleagues and friends who will painfully miss him.

Marcel VERCAUTEREN  
Editor in Chief.