



2016 ESPU Honorary Members

Padraig (Pat) Malone

Pat graduated with honours and winner of the gold medal in surgery from University College Dublin. He gained a 1st honours BSc in anatomy/embryology, FRCSI and MCh for his research. He was Registrar in Paediatric Surgery at Our Lady's in Dublin and researched the use of laparoscopy in the management of impalpable UDT, winning The President's Prize of The Royal Academy of Medicine.

He moved to the UK in 1983 and was Registrar in Paediatric Surgery at Birmingham before moving to GOSH as Senior Registrar in 1986. He worked with Philip Ransley and Patrick Duffy who convinced him that the only path to follow was Paediatric Urology. He spent a period at the Institute of Urology with Christopher Woodhouse moving to Southampton in 1990.

He joined the ESPU at its inception in 1990 and served on the Board from 2002 and was its Treasurer 2004–2007. He supported David Frank in establishing the JP Urol and is currently an editor. He has edited 3 textbooks, written 27 chapters and 127 peer reviewed papers.

Pat retired from clinical practice in August 2014 and now spends his time with his family, playing golf and carving wood.



David Thomas

Professor David Thomas graduated from the University of Cambridge and Guys Hospital London.

After completing his specialist training at the Hospital for Sick Children Great Ormond Street he was appointed to a consultant post in Leeds where he established a specialist Paediatric Urological service for the Yorkshire Region. In addition to a broad range of clinical research he undertook a programme of collaborative experimental research with Professor Southgate of York University. Academic awards include; Hunterian Professor Royal College of Surgeons of England, Honorary Professor of Paediatric Surgery University of Leeds, Visiting Professor Department of Biology University of York.

He has published three textbooks and was an Associate Editor of BJU International. Professor Thomas was a founding member of the ESPU and served as a member of the JCPU. He was the John Duckett Lecturer at the 20th annual conference in 2009. Although now retired from clinical practice, Professor Thomas continues to attend international meetings and remains actively involved in academic and medico legal practice. He and his wife live in Harrogate and enjoy walking and cycling in the beautiful countryside of North Yorkshire.

