

Honorary Fellow Award

The Honorary Fellow Award bestows an honorary membership to individuals who have contributed significantly to the field of ultrasound.

Lil Valentin, MD, PhD, FRCOG



Lil Valentin, MD, PhD, FRCOG, is a remarkable educator, who, as a specialist in obstetrics and gynecology, was a founding member of the International Ovarian Tumor Analysis (IOTA) group. They originally developed a consensus on terms and definitions, and went on to design study protocols and implement prospective studies, all with the aim of developing an accurate, efficient, and noninvasive way to discriminate between benign and malignant adnexal masses. Today, the group has more than 11,000 certified members and she remains on the Steering Committee.

In addition, Dr Valentin is on the steering committee of the International Endometrial Tumor Analysis (IETA) collaboration, which developed terms, definitions, and measurements for describing the features of the endometrium and uterine cavity on gray-scale sonography, color flow imaging, and sonohysterography.

Today, Dr Valentin is a senior professor of Obstetric, Gynaecological, and Prenatal Ultrasound Research at Lund University in Sweden. She is also Expert Faculty at the Gynecology Academy, which offers training through online programs. Previously, she was head of the Ultrasound Unit in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Skåne University Hospital in Malmö, Sweden (1994 to 2016).

Even with all of that, Dr Valentin still found time to devote to serving on even more committees, such as the European Committee for Medical Ultrasound Safety (ECMUS) of the European Federation of Ultrasound Societies in Medicine and Biology (EFSUMB; 2002–2012), as well as chairperson of EFSUMB's Educational Committee (2002–2006). In addition, she was an editor of the book *Gynaecological Ultrasound in Clinical Practice: Ultrasound imaging in the management of gynaecological conditions*, an editor (2005–2012) and still serves on the Editorial Board of the *Ultrasound in Obstetrics and Gynecology* journal, and she has served on the International Society of Ultrasound in Obstetrics and Gynecology's (ISUOG's) Board of Governors (2004–2007), Scientific Committee, and Standards Committee. Throughout all of this, she has still found time to be an organizer of more than 40 postgraduate courses in ultrasound and supervises PhD students.

As a result of her many contributions, Dr Valentin became a fellow of the ISUOG in 2007, a Fellow ad eundem of the Royal Society of Obstetricians and Gynecologists in 2011, and was a chairman and secretary of the Swedish Society for Ultrasound in Medicine, which is a member

of EFSUMB. She has also been awarded the Ian Donald Gold Medal (2019), which is awarded to an individual who has made an outstanding scientific contribution to the advancement of diagnostic ultrasound in Obstetrics and Gynecology and who has changed the way ultrasound is practiced through research or innovation.

As a result of her vast research in obstetric and gynecologic ultrasound, including the use of Doppler ultrasound, and her devotion to sharing her newfound knowledge with others, Dr Valentin is very deserving of the designation of Honorary Fellow of the American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine (AIUM).