

Honorary Fellow Award

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

Stefano Bianchi, MD, PD



As a physician and radiologist, Stefano Bianchi, MD, PD, has been a dedicated physician, teacher, and researcher of musculoskeletal ultrasound.

He received his medical degree from the University of Genova in Italy and because of his interest in the musculoskeletal system became board-certified in rheumatology, quickly followed by radiology. Although imaging of bone was still relatively new and uncommon at the time, Dr Bianchi saw the potential of ultrasound in this field, and helped to research and promote its use.

As an example of this, Dr Bianchi became President of GEL, a sonographers' group focused on providing education on musculoskeletal ultrasound. Moreover, when that group was later merged with GETROA, a bone radiology group, to become SIMS (Société d'Imagerie Musculo-Squelettique, ie Musculoskeletal Imaging Society), he also ultimately became President. In addition, he was a member of ISS (the International Skeletal Society) and the European Society of Skeletal Radiology, for whom he was also Vice-President.

Dr Bianchi is currently the Director of CIM SA Cabinet Imagerie Médicale; an associate physician in the Division of Radiology at Hopitaux Universitaires de Genève; and a peer reviewer for the *European Journal of Ultrasound*, the *Journal of Clinical Ultrasound*, *Skeletal Radiology*, and *European Radiology*. He has also been an author of 8 books (half of which are devoted to musculoskeletal ultrasound), 66 book chapters, nearly 200 peer-reviewed scientific articles, and 35 other articles, all of which are devoted to the musculoskeletal system.

Throughout his career, Dr Bianchi's work has taken him around the world, to New York; Paris, France; Genova, Italia; and Geneva, Switzerland, to name a few locations. With the locations of the numerous presentations and invited lectures he has given taken into account, he has practically shared his knowledge worldwide.

Not only is his work prolific, but it is also of great quality as is evident by the 19 awards he has earned, 16 of which are for Dr Bianchi's work specifically regarding the use of ultrasound. The American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine (AIUM) is proud to add to the acknowledgement of this great physician, teacher, and researcher, by bestowing Dr Bianchi with the Honorary Fellow Award.