

## Doctor Gilles Walch

Native of Lyon, France and pure product of the lyonnaise orthopaedic school. Doctor Gilles Walch gravitated very early in his career to problems of the shoulder. In 1983 he travelled to the USA where he visited Doctor Franck Jobe and Doctor Ch Rockwood. Following his return to France he has not ceased to work at improving the understanding and treatment of pathology about the shoulder.

In 1993 he organised the first 'Journées de l'épaule' in Lyon at which over 1000 european specialists including orthopaedic surgeons, rheumatologists, radiologists and rehabilitation specialists consolidated 10 years of collaboration with the goal of objectively identifying and quantifying the different shoulder pathologies thus allowing better treatment and analysis of surgical intervention.

He became Secretary General of the European Shoulder Society from 1987 to 1995 becoming its president in 2005.

He is a member of 8 scientific societies, he has published more than 200 articles in national and international journals and has lectured at some 500 conferences across the world.

For the last 15 years he has concentrated exclusively on surgery of the shoulder with shoulder instability, rupture of the rotator cuff and shoulder arthroplasty forming the basis of his day to day work.