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Mike Davis was born and raised in Portsmouth, England, educated at Cambridge University (pre-clinical) and The Westminster Hospital Medical School, London (clinical). At Cambridge, he joined the university diving club and has remained a passionately keen diver for 49 years. Most of the first decade of his diving career was devoted to scientific diving with involvement in a variety of marine biological, diving medical and physical sciences research. With plans to enter diving medicine, a senior colleague advised that he needed to obtain a specialty qualification first and so he trained in anaesthesia. For the next 35 years, anaesthesia and intensive care medicine were the mainstream of his career, with diving medicine being a “Saturday morning project”. After working in Sweden and the USA, He and his family immigrated to New Zealand in the late 1970s and settled in Christchurch, where for 12 years he was Senior Lecturer in Anaesthesia at the Christchurch School of Medicine of the University of Otago. His MD thesis was based on a series of clinical studies of anaesthesia for emergency and elective hip surgery. From 1979, Christchurch had a recompression chamber, manned voluntarily. Then in 1996, a formal hyperbaric service was established, for which he was Medical Director until retirement from clinical practice in early 2009. Between 2004 and 2008, he was appointed Associate Professor of Medicine at the University of Auckland to deliver a distance-learning-based post-graduate diploma in diving and hyperbaric medicine which, sadly, is now in abeyance. In 2005, he was the recipient of the Undersea and Hyperbaric Medical Society Charles W. Shilling Award in recognition of his long-standing commitment to teaching, research and practice in diving and hyperbaric medicine. In 2002, he succeeded John Knight as Editor of the *SPUMS Journal*, now *Diving and Hyperbaric Medicine*.