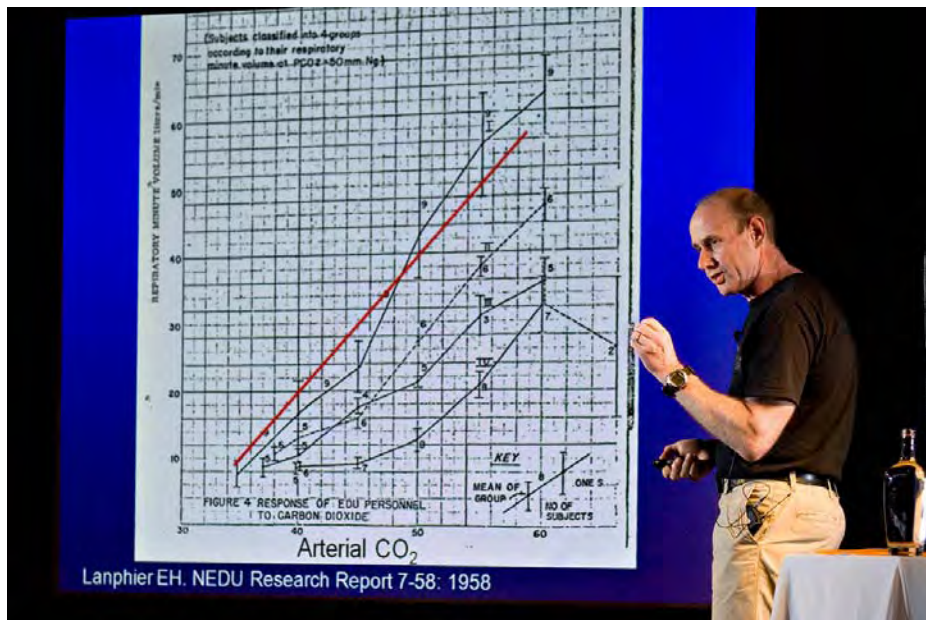


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Simon is a physician with specialist training in diving medicine and anaesthesiology. He is widely published in the international medical literature, with over 75 papers or book chapters. He co-authored the second edition of “*Deeper into Diving*” and has two chapters on decompression illness in the most recent edition of Bennett and Elliott. He has twice been Vice President of the Undersea and Hyperbaric Medicine Society (UHMS), is Chairman of the Diving Committee of the UHMS and in 2010 received the Behnke Award for contributions to the science of diving and hyperbaric medicine. In the past, Simon was a Royal New Zealand Navy diving medical officer and Medical Director of the Wesley Centre for Hyperbaric Medicine in Brisbane. He now works as a consultant anaesthetist at Auckland City Hospital, and Associate Professor in Anaesthesiology at the University of Auckland, where he was recently appointed Head of Department. He continues to consult to various hyperbaric units. Simon’s diving career has included more than 6,000 dives spanning sport, scientific, commercial, and military diving. He was recently a lead member of teams that were the first to dive and identify three deep wrecks of high historical significance in Australia and New Zealand. At the time of one of these dives (2002) the 180 msw depth represented the deepest wreck dive ever undertaken. He was elected to Fellowship of the Explorers’ Club of New York for these achievements.

(photo taken of Simon in his natural element – teaching)