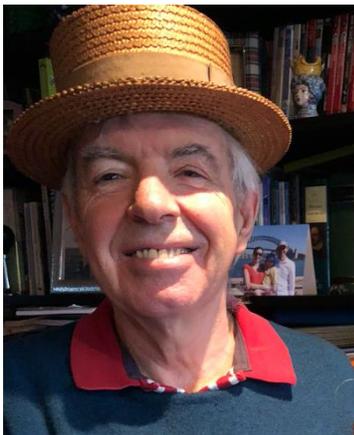




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Sir Robin Murray receives the SIRS Lifetime Achievement Award



The Schizophrenia International Research Society has named Sir Robin Murray, FMedSci, FRS as the 2020 Lifetime Achievement Awardee. Sir Robin is a Professor of Psychiatric Research, Institute of Psychiatry, Psychology and Neuroscience at the Maudsley King's College, University of London. He obtained his medical degree from the University of Glasgow and trained in psychiatry at the Maudsley Hospital in London. Prof. Murray is one of only 5 psychiatrists ever to be elected a Fellow of the UK Royal Society. Since 1975, his career has focused on the care and study of persons with schizophrenia. First with the Institute of Psychiatry and Maudsley Hospital London, then briefly as a visiting Fellow in Psychiatry, nominated by the UK Medical Research Council, at the National Institute of Mental Health in Bethesda, Maryland; he claims this did him relatively little harm! He has since served as Senior Lecturer and Dean at the Institute of Psychiatry as well as Chairman of the division of Psychological Medicine and Psychiatry and is one of the earliest proponents of the highly influential "neurodevelopmental hypothesis" of schizophrenia. Prof. Sir Murray is Joint Editor of Psychological Medicine, serves as Chairman of the Clinical Advisory Board of RETHINK, and is currently Visiting Professor at the University of Hong Kong, and University of Sao Paulo. He has authored over 1,200 publications, many, he says, were written with cleverer colleagues. Prof. Murray was Chairman of the Schizophrenia Commission (2011-2012), which reviewed the care of people with psychosis in England. He was knighted in the 2011 New Year Honours List for his services to medicine.

Prof. Murray has been a pioneer in the field of psychosis research, seeking out new ideas and hypotheses and promoting research on epidemiology and environmental risk factors. He has been responsible for many paradigm shifts in his search for the cause of schizophrenia. He started in genetics, then developed an interest in environmental risk factors. In recent years, he has focused his research on the association between cannabis and psychosis and has been featured prominently in the media for his work. Prof. Murray is one of the most highly cited and influential psychiatric researchers per the Thomson Reuters Rankings. He has made a significant impact in the field through mentorship and has, in a sense, created his own longitudinal cohort – a multi-generational cohort of researchers who will keep alive his abiding interest in psychosis and has left an indelible mark on the field of schizophrenia research.

Prof. Sir Robin Murray will receive the Lifetime Achievement Award at the 2021 Congress of the Schizophrenia International Research Society in Toronto, Canada.

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The Schizophrenia International Research Society (SIRS) was founded in 2005 with the goal of bringing together scientists from around the world to exchange the latest advances in biological and psychosocial research in schizophrenia. The Society is dedicated to facilitating international collaboration to discover the causes of, and better treatments for, schizophrenia and related disorders. Part of the mission of the Society is to promote educational programs about the latest findings in schizophrenia research, to effectively disseminate them worldwide, and to expedite the publication of new research.