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Felipe Gomes receives the SIRS 2020 Global Schizophrenia Award



The Schizophrenia International Research Society has named Felipe Gomes, Ph.D., the 2020 Global Schizophrenia Awardee. Dr. Gomes received a B.S. in Pharmacy from the Federal University of Juiz de Fora, Brazil in 2008 before completing his Masters in 2011 and Ph.D. in 2015, both in Pharmacology at the Ribeirao Preto Medical School. He then completed a postdoctoral training in the lab of Dr. Anthony Grace at the University of Pittsburgh. Dr. Gomes went on to become an Assistant Professor in the Department of Pharmacology of the Ribeirao Preto Medical School at the University of Sao Paulo. His research focuses on circuit-based studies to gain a better understanding of the pathophysiology of the schizophrenia, the impact of the exposure to risk factors, such as stress and cannabinoids during adolescence, on the dopamine system activity, and markers for schizophrenia vulnerability early in life which could indicate interventions to circumvent the emergence of schizophrenia. Currently, his work employs a combination of behavioral, chemogenetic (DREADDs), and electrophysiological approaches.

Dr. Gomes has won 15 awards including the CINP Rafaelsen Young Investigators Award, the SOBP Travel Fellowship Award, and the ICOSR Young Investigator Award. He has published over 45 articles and book chapters and served as a reviewer for over 20 different journal publications.

Dr. Gomes has a strong appreciation for the need to apply his basic research skills to translational psychiatry. His intellectual ability, research productivity, and continued mentoring position him to become a leader in the field of schizophrenia.

Dr. Felipe Gomes will receive the 2020 Global Schizophrenia 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.