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Emmanuelle Peters receives the SIRS 2020 Research Excellence Award



The Schizophrenia International Research Society has named Emmanuelle Peters, Ph.D., the 2020 Research Excellence Awardee. Dr. Peters is Reader of Clinical Psychology at the Institute of Psychiatry, Psychology & Neuroscience (IOPPN) King's College London, and an Honorary Consultant Clinical Psychologist for the South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust (SLaM), where she is the Director of an award-winning specialist outpatient psychological therapies clinic for psychosis, PICuP (Psychological Interventions Clinic for outpatients with Psychosis), which she set up in collaboration with Prof Elizabeth Kuipers over 15 years ago. PICuP is one of the few entirely psychology-led services for psychosis in the country and under her leadership the clinic has grown 15-fold and has won numerous awards for the quality of its clinical, supervision and training delivery, innovation, support for research and Service User Involvement.

She leads the Psychosis Module for the Doctorate in Clinical Psychology course, is the Chair of the Psychology Department PhD Committee, and serves as Programme Board Chair of the Postgraduate Diploma in Cognitive Behaviour Therapy for psychosis, led by Dr Suzanne Jolley.

Dr. Peters has made significant and far-reaching contributions to schizophrenia research across three important domains: the study of psychotic experiences in the general population; psychological models of psychotic symptoms; and Cognitive Behaviour Therapy for psychosis (CBTp). She is considered an international leader in her field, having published 135 peer-reviewed articles and book chapters, which have been cited 4,400 times. Her work has been funded by a number of bodies including the NIHR (National Institution of Health Research), the UK Medical Research Council, Wellcome Trust, the British Academy, and a number of charities, including a recent £1.5M Health Technology Assessment (HTA) grant for a multisite Randomised Controlled Trial (RCT) to evaluate an integrated trauma-focused CBTp in patients with post-traumatic stress and psychosis symptoms, leading a team of 17 applicants and therapists across five sites over the next five years. Dr. Peters is very involved in promoting and disseminating psychological approaches to the management of psychosis at national and international levels and has given nearly 150 symposia, oral and poster presentations. She has been a pioneer in the continuum approach to psychosis, which has in recent years made a major impact on psychiatric practice and classification.

Dr. Emmanuelle Peters will receive the 2020 Research Excellence 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.