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Professor John Hardy joins the ranks of science greats

Professor John Hardy (Reta Lila Weston Institute of Neurological Studies & the Department of Molecular Neuroscience, London) has been recognised for his exceptional contribution to science with his election to the Fellowship of the Royal Society. Fellows of the UK's national academy of science are leaders in the fields of science, engineering and medicine.



Professor Miller awarded John Dystel Prize

Professor David Miller, (ION, London) has been awarded the John Dystel Prize for Multiple Sclerosis Research Sponsored by the American Academy of Neurology and National Multiple Sclerosis Society. The John Dystel Prize recognises outstanding contributions to research in the understanding, treatment, or prevention of multiple sclerosis. The prize is intended to recognise significant and exciting contributions by investigators, not to be a lifetime achievement award.



Excellence in Clinical Research

Dr Helen Ling (Reta Lila Weston Institute of Neurological Studies, London) has won the International Movement Disorder Society's 2009 Junior Award for excellence in clinical research. This is in recognition of her innovative research regarding diagnostic accuracy in 18 cases of pathologically confirmed corticobasal degeneration, a progressive neurological disorder characterised by nerve cell loss and atrophy of multiple areas of the brain.



PDS awards Training Fellowship

The Parkinson's Disease Society (PDS) has awarded a Training Fellowship for just over £170,000 to Dr Ashwani Jha at the Institute of Neurology, London, to investigate what part of the brain is associated with specific symptoms of Parkinson's. As part of Professor Peter Brown's team, Dr Jha will carry out research with a group of 25 people with advanced Parkinson's. They will measure the electrical activity on the surface of the brain with a special scanner and deep inside the brain by using surgically placed electrodes implanted for Deep Brain Stimulation (DBS). They will then investigate how the electrical signals vary within the group and how this may relate to their individual symptoms. Creating disruptions in specific brain regions should replicate or possibly improve some of the symptoms and will help understand what parts of the brain are responsible for them.

Basic Science In Epilepsy Award (£1,000)

To be awarded at the Annual Scientific Meeting of the ILAE UK Chapter in Sheffield from 7th to 9th October 2009. The award is open to any basic scientist or health professional employed at lecturer level or below (or NHS equivalent) and working in the field of epilepsy research within the UK. Entrants must be 40 years of age or under on 31st December 2009. Informal enquiries to Juliet Solomon, ILAE UK Chapter Secretariat, Email: j.solomon@ion.ucl.ac.uk. Entries close: Friday 31st July 2009 at 5.00pm.

The Forbes Norris Award 2009 (£1,000)

This Award was inaugurated by the International Alliance of ALS/MND Associations in memory of Dr Forbes (Ted) Norris, a neurologist dedicated to helping people with ALS/MND. For more information Email: alliance@alsmndalliance.org

Do you know of any awards or appointments which should be featured on this page? Please email details to Rachael@acnr.co.uk by 10th August for the Sept/Oct issue of ACNR.