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## **Eric Nestler given the ACNP Paul Hoch Distinguished Service Award**

The American College of Neuropsychopharmacology (ACNP) has named Eric J. Nestler, M.D., Ph.D., as the winner of the 2017 Paul Hoch Distinguished Service Award. Dr. Nestler is the Nash Family Professor of Neuroscience, Director of the Friedman Brain Institute, and Dean for Academic and Scientific Affairs at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai in New York. Dr. Nestler has been an integral part of the College for over 30 years. During his tenure as President, he was a critical advocate for enhancing the diversity and inclusion mission of the College. Under his leadership, a simplified committee structure was established representing the core mission of the College. He streamlined the organizational structure of ACNP by eliminating some committees and consolidating others. His hard work and tireless efforts helped to revitalize the College. The Hoch Award, presented at the 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the ACNP in Hollywood, Florida, recognizes unusually significant contributions to the College.

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ACNP, founded in 1961, is a professional organization of more than 1000 leading scientists, including four Nobel Laureates. The mission of ACNP is to further research and education in neuropsychopharmacology and related fields in the following ways: promoting the interaction of a broad range of scientific disciplines of brain and behavior in order to advance the understanding of prevention and treatment of disease of the nervous system including psychiatric, neurological, behavioral and addictive disorders; encouraging scientists to enter research careers in fields related to these disorders and their treatment; and ensuring the dissemination of relevant scientific advances.