



# 2021 Prize Winners



Congratulations to all our winners, who were awarded at the Online Summer Meeting.

## Lifetime Achievement Award

### Professor Barbara Sahakian

Barbara Sahakian has forged an international reputation for her work in psychopharmacology. She is particularly recognised for the psychopharmacology of cognitive deficits in depression and early detection of Alzheimer's disease and treatment with cholinesterase inhibitors. She has over 524 highly cited peer-reviewed publications (H index 155) and has co-authored two popular science books, one of which was awarded the British Psychological Society book prize. Her scientific contribution has been recognised consistently by numerous honours and awards from the USA, UK, Europe and Australia. Her opinion on psychopharmacology and neuroscience is frequently sought by UK governmental and world fora and the media.

In addition to her scientific contribution, she has shaped UK health policy including the Foresight Project on Mental Capital and Wellbeing, the MRC Strategy for Mental Health and the Department of Health Strategy for Neuroscience and Mental Health. She has served on MRC, ESRC, NIHR, Royal Society and Wellcome Trust neuroscience boards. She is an elected Fellow of the Academy of Medical Sciences and also the British Academy. She co-invented CANTAB and EMOTICOM test batteries which have significantly advanced British mental health technology with world-wide reach. She is a UK representative on the World Economic Forum for Brain Science.



She has served on the BAP Council for two periods: 1998-2002; 2010-2016. She was BAP President 2012-2014 and was only the third female to be elected to this post following 22 previous presidents. During her tenure she actively promoted the position of women in psychopharmacology. For example, after recognising that the BAP AGM prestigious key note lectures had previously been given by men, she ensured that internationally prominent female neuroscientists were invited to speak in each year of her presidency. She has also trained PhD students who are now outstanding British academics and have contributed to neuropsychopharmacology and the BAP.

*Professor Eileen Joyce*

## Public Communications Prize for Non-Members

This year also sees the nomination of the first recipient of the new Public Communications Prize for Non-Members. This prize aims to recognise the sterling public education activities of neuroscience researchers, mental health professionals, campaigning journalists, patient representatives and mental health advocacy leaders, who are not themselves BAP members but whose efforts align closely with the overarching aims of our Association.

We are pleased to announce that the first recipient of this prize, to be awarded at the 2022 Summer Meeting, will be **Tom Feilden**, a science correspondent on the BBC Radio 4 Today programme. Further details about Tom's contributions will be covered in a future edition of the newsletter.