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## **Mary Baker wins the 2015 ECNP Media Award**

**Europe's leading applied neuroscience association, the European College of Neuropsychopharmacology (ECNP) is pleased to announce that the winner of the 2015 ECNP Media Award is Mary Baker. Presented annually, the ECNP Media Award recognises outstanding contributions to destigmatising disorders of the brain.**

The ECNP Media Award was established to celebrate the achievements of those who promote a better understanding of the complexity and impact of disorders of the brain, stimulate discussion, and challenge stereotypes and stigma. Preference is given to work that highlights the connection with scientific research and helps to make the science of disorders of the brain accessible to a wide audience.

In announcing the award, ECNP Communication Committee chair Eduard Vieta paid tribute to Dr Baker's passionate commitment to patient welfare and her career-long campaign for improved treatments for those suffering from disorders of the brain.

"No one in Europe has done more than Mary to connect European brain health policy with the lived experience of those struggling with brain disorders. She understands that better lives for patients can only come from new discoveries, and only when those discoveries are brought to market. Her success over many years in making this case at the highest levels of decision-making constitutes an achievement of European-wide significance and impact."

ECNP president Guy Goodwin added, "Mary is one of the most widely respected and influential voices in European applied neuroscience, occupying a unique position between scientists, patients, regulators, policy-makers and industry. That her many years of tireless work have been done on a voluntary basis is all the more remarkable. Everyone in the field today is in her debt."

The award will be presented at the 28<sup>th</sup> ECNP Congress in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, on 29 August.

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ECNP is an independent scientific association whose mission is to advance the science of the brain, promote better treatment and enhance brain health. The annual ECNP Congress attracts scientists and clinicians from across the world to discuss the latest advances in brain research in Europe's largest meeting on brain science. More information about ECNP, its aims and activities, can be found at [www.ecnp.eu](http://www.ecnp.eu)

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