

2003-2024

SIR JOHN ECCLES
FOUNDATION

Aim of the Foundation

The Foundation aims to safeguard the memory of the life and works of the scientist and philosopher Sir John Eccles by promoting activities, studies, scientific and philosophical research concerning the themes he explored, particularly the mind-brain relationship.

The initiatives promoted bring biological data into dialogue with humanistic data on the mind in a scientific-cultural context called «neurohumanities».

The Foundation pursues public benefit purposes.



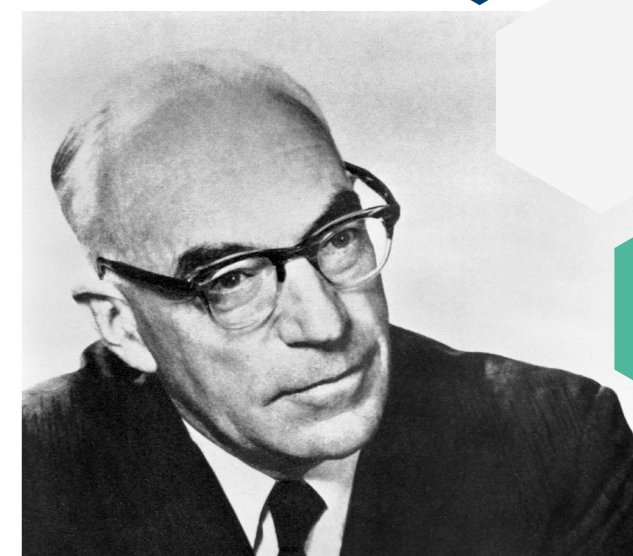
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The Foundation History

The Sir John Eccles Foundation was born in 2003. It was founded by Lady Helena Eccles and Dr. Silvio Leoni, with Prof. Roberto Radice of the Catholic University of Milan and Dr. Daniele Bui in Minusio (Ticino-Switzerland).

Sir John Eccles, former Nobel Prize winner for Medicine in 1963, starting from 1975 was resident in Contra (Ticino-Switzerland), where he mainly dedicated his time to studying the relationship of mind-brain.

Sir John Eccles



Nobel Price for Medicine in 1963
27 Jan 1903 - 2 May 1997



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of Sir John Eccles

Interdisciplinary Symposia

Centro Monte Verità, Ascona

Events with highly renowned speakers, characterized by an inter- and multi-disciplinary approach.

- 2003 - Il vicolo cieco del materialismo nel pensiero di Sir John Eccles.
- 2003 - Il valore dei valori.
- 2005 - Cervello - Coscienza - Percezione.
- 2012 - Coscienza, autocoscienza. Vecchi misteri e nuove sfide.
- 2013 - Il linguaggio: perché si acquista, come si perde.
- 2014 - Emozioni e cervello. Fra libertà e controllo.
- 2015 - La mano e l'uomo.
- 2016 - Magia e scienza.
- 2017 - Coscienza di sé e intelligenza artificiale.
- 2018 - La musica incontra la medicina: Neuroscienze e Creatività musicale.
- 2019 - La musica incontra la medicina: neurobiologia e pratica musicale, at the Conservatorio Svizzera Italiana, Lugano (CH)
- 2020 - Acquisizione delle lingue fra corpo e facoltà di linguaggio. Online event

- 2021 - Molto rumore per nulla? Percepire, riconoscere, interpretare il rumore.
- 2022 - Linguaggio del corpo e comunicazione non verbale.
- 2023 - Filosofia, Medicina e Cinema.

Lectures Eccles

Università della Svizzera italiana (USI), Lugano

Events hosting speakers with high scientific profiles, renowned at an international level, conducted in cooperation with the Neurocenter of Southern Switzerland/EOC and USI.

- 2010 - Prof. Dr. med. psych. Werner Hacke, Universitätsklinikum Heidelberg, Germany. **Stroke: for outstanding contributions to patient care and research in stroke.**
- 2011 - Prof. Dr. med. R.C. Griggs, University of Rochester Medical Center, NY, USA. **Neuromuscular disorders: the treatment of neuromuscular disease: prospects and problems.**
- 2012 - Prof. Dr. med. Bhatia Kailash, Institute of Neurology and Neurosurgery, University College London Hospitals, UK. **Neurology: tremor controversies.**
- 2013 - PD Dr. med. Yvan Gasche, Geneva University Hospital, Switzerland. **Stroke research: therapeutic perspectives for matrix metalloproteinases inhibition in stroke (neurointensive care).**
- 2014 - Prof. Dr. med. Joachim K. Krauss, Medizinische Hochschule, Hannover, Germany. **Stereotactic neurosurgery: deep brain stimulation: concepts and developments.**
- 2015 - Prof. Dr. med. Tarek Yousry, Institute of Neurology London, UK. **Neuroradiology: morphological and functional neuroimaging of movement disorders.**
- 2016 - Dr. Paolo Maino, Pain Center NSI, ORL, Switzerland. **Pain medicine today.** Prof. Irene Tracey, John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford – Oxford University, UK. **Imaging pain and the placebo effect.**

- 2017 - Dr. Mark Hallett, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Maryland, USA. **Movement Disorders: Pathophysiology of movement disorders in humans.**
- 2019 - Prof. Dr. med Franz Fazekas, Universitätsklinik für Neurologie, Graz Austria. **Cerebral small vessel disease: current understanding and future prospects.**
- 2021 - Prof. MD Leonardo G. Cohen, NINDS, NIH, Bethesda, USA. **Neurorehabilitation: Plasticity of the human motor system in health and disease**
- 2022 - Angela Vincent, MB BS FMedSci FRS. **Antibody-mediated neurological diseases: a 21st century phenomenon or a long-overdue recognition of reversible brain disorders?**
- 2023 - Robert MacLaren, MB ChB DPhil FRCOphth FRCS FACS FMedSci. **Genetic treatments for retinal disease.**
- 2024 - Prof. Dr. Sébastien Froehlich, Director of Neurosurgery Dept, Hôpital Lariboisière AHPH Université Paris Cité. **Cordomas: endoscopic and skull base approaches.**



Meetings of Neurohumanities and Award Eccles

Città di Bellinzona

Assignment of the Swiss Award Sir John Eccles Foundation and conferences with internationally renowned speakers.

- **2023** - Sala Consiglio Comunale – Istitutional Launch of the Swiss Award FJEccles - **Title: Neurohumanities: una questione di co-scienze.**
 - » **“The 20 years of the Sir John Eccles Foundation”** - Prof. Dr. med. Claudio L. Bassetti, President
 - » **“Le vie della conoscenza fra discipline scientifiche ed interdisciplinarietà”** - Prof. Dr. Antonio Loprieno, past Rector University of Basel
 - » **“Percezione, Cinema e Cervello”**- Prof. Marco Poloni, Director of CISA (Conservatorio Internazionale Scienze Audiovisive)
- **2024** - Teatro Sociale Bellinzona - **Title: The brain health: A dialogue between neurosciences and philosophy.**
 - » **“What does truth mean in neuroscience and why is it contentious?”**- Prof. Thomas C. Südhof, Stanford University, Stanford, CA, USA, Nobel Prize in Medicine 2013
 - » **“Einstein and his image of science”** - Prof. Fabio Minazzi, University of Insubria, Varese
 - » **“Neuro stand up”** - Paolo Rossi, Cabaret actor, and Emanuele Dell’Aquila, Guitar
 - » **“SFCNS Swiss Brain Health Plan”** - Prof. Dr. med. Claudio L.A. Bassetti, President FJE

Movie Festival 2024

Projection of 5 significant movies (in different movie theaters of the Canton Ticino all over 2024), followed by a discussion from a scientific and artistic point of view by experts in the field.

A project of the Sir John Eccles Foundation in co-operation with the following partners:

- Sasso Corbaro Foundation, Bellinzona
- International Academy of Audiovisual Sciences (Conservatorio Internazionale di Scienze Audiovisive, CISA)
- PalaCinema SA, Locarno
- BrainCircle, Lugano
- Società filosofica della Svizzera italiana, Cademario
- Filmagogia, Brunate, Como.

Other activities:

- Videoconferences
- Support to publications
- Other activities for the broad public

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In this picture with his husband Sir John Eccles in 1992.



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