

Ariens Kappers Award winner

Bart de Strooper

Professor in dementia research

at University College London and VIB/KU Leuven



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The Ariëns Kappers Medal is a scientific honor named after the Dutch neurologist **Cornelius Ubbo Ariëns Kappers**. From 1909 - 1946, he was the **first director** of the Netherlands Central Institute for Brain Research, now the Netherlands Institute for Neuroscience.



The medal is awarded to people who have made an **outstanding contribution to neuroscience**. This year, the Ariëns Kapper Medal is awarded to three individuals, one of whom is **Bart de Strooper**.



Prof. de Strooper is the founding director of the **UK Dementia Research Institute** and conducts research at the Francis Crick Institute and VIB/KU Leuven. His work focuses on **translating genetic findings into treatments for neurodegenerative diseases.**



His work has established him as a leading expert on **Alzheimer's and Parkinson's disease**, particularly through his foundational insights into the **amyloid hypothesis** and other **key mechanisms of neurodegeneration.** He also developed the **"cellular phase" theory**, which explains the **long pre-symptomatic period of Alzheimer's disease.**



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