

Ariens Kappers Award winner

David A. Lewis

Professor of Psychiatry and Neuroscience
at the University of Pittsburgh



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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 **David A. Lewis**.



Dr. Lewis is an internationally recognised **schizophrenia** expert whose research focuses on the **neural circuitry of the prefrontal cortex** and related brain regions and the alterations of this circuitry in this disease.



Lewis' studies the prefrontal cortex in the macaque monkey, using **gene and protein expression techniques and electrophysiology**. Hypotheses are tested in **postmortem brains** of people with schizophrenia.

Dr. Lewis also directs the University of Pittsburgh's NIH Brain and Tissue Repository to **advance molecular psychiatric research in human post mortem tissue**.



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