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4. Annemarie Opprecht Parkinson Award 2008

Swiss Annemarie Opprecht-Foundation awards Parkinson research

Basel – The Swiss Annemarie Opprecht-Foundation and the Swiss Parkinson's Disease Society (Parkinson Schweiz) have awarded outstanding work in Parkinson's disease research on Thursday, Oktober 30th 2008 in Basel, Switzerland.

The research award in the amount of 100'000 Swiss francs (appr. 68'000 Euro) was given to the Researchers **Andrew B. Singleton** (Ph. D., Professor of Neuroscience, Chief of the Molecular Genetics Section, Acting Chief of the Laboratory of Neurogenetics, National Institute on Aging, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Maryland, USA) and **John Hardy** (Ph. D., Professor of Neuroscience, Department of Molecular Neuroscience and Reta Lila Weston Laboratories, Institute of Neurology, University College, Queen Square House, London WC1 3BG, England).

The price was given for the fourth time since the foundation's establishment in 1998. Its aim is strictly to promote scientific research on Parkinson's disease.

Andrew B. Singleton is Professor of Neuroscience, Chief of the Molecular Genetics Section, Acting Chief of the Laboratory of Neurogenetics, National Institute on Aging, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Maryland, USA.

John Hardy is Professor of Neuroscience, Department of Molecular Neuroscience and Reta Lila Weston Laboratories, Institute of Neurology, University College, Queen Square House, London WC1 3BG, England.

The two researchers were honoured for their study «Genome-wide genotyping in Parkinson's disease and neurologically normal controls: first stage analysis and public release of data». *Lancet Neurol.* 2006 Nov; 5(11): 911-916

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