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**\*\*Virtual Departmental Distinguished Grand Rounds\*\***

**Thursday, February 23 (12:00 to 13:30pm)**

**Dr. David Nutt, DM, FRCP, FRCPsych, FBPhS, FMedSci DLaws**

Edmond J. Safra Professor of Neuropsychopharmacology

Director Centre for Psychedelic Research

Division of Psychiatry, Imperial College London

Hammersmith Hospital, Du Cane Rd, London, England



**Title:** Are psychedelics the future of psychiatry?

**Learning Objectives:**

- Understand the pharmacology and history of psychedelics
- Discover how modern neuroimaging studies reveal the nature of the psychedelic experience and its relevance to psychiatry
- Learn about recent trials in resistant-depression and addiction that reveal powerful effects of psilocybin as a novel treatment

The lecture will be from 12:00 - 13:00, including Q&A. The following 30 minutes (13:00 – 13:30) will be dedicated to young trainees /PIs and residents who are particularly interested in Dr. Nutt's research and carrier path.

If you would like to schedule a virtual meeting with Dr. Nutt, please reserve your spot by emailing [news.psychiatry@mcgill.ca](mailto:news.psychiatry@mcgill.ca)

**ZOOM LINK:**

[https://mcgill.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEld--srzsvGdXLBwdAP4KVX7pmTlyv\\_TKI](https://mcgill.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEld--srzsvGdXLBwdAP4KVX7pmTlyv_TKI)

**Bio:**

Dr. David Nutt is Professor of Neuropsychopharmacology at Imperial College London, Director of the Centre for Psychedelic Research, and Chief Research Officer of Awaknlifesciences. He obtained an Open Scholarship in Medicine from Downing College Cambridge then completed his clinical training at Guy's Hospital in London. After MRCP, he trained in Psychiatry at Oxford where he obtained his DM at the MRC Clinical Pharmacology Unit, subsequently becoming a University Lecturer and then a Wellcome Trust Senior Fellow in Psychiatry. He then spent two years as head of the research ward at NIAAA in the USA before

setting up the Psychopharmacology unit at Bristol University in 1988, where he later became Professor of Psychopharmacology and Dean of Clinical Medicine before moving to Imperial College in 2008. He has held presidencies of the EBC, BAP, BNA and ECNP, was Chair of the ACMD and founded the charity DrugScience and now chairs PAREA, the European association for access to research with psychedelics.

Dr. Nutt's contributions to pharmacology include GABA and noradrenaline receptor function in anxiety disorders, serotonin function in depression, endorphin and dopamine function in addiction and the neuroscience and clinical utility of psychedelics. He has over 500 original research papers, a similar number of reviews/book chapters, eight government reports and 36 books. In 2013, he was awarded the John Maddox Prize from Nature/Sense about Science for standing up for science. In 2017 he obtained a Doctor of Laws hon causa from the University of Bath.