Empiris Award for Research in Brain Diseases

In the forward-looking areas of research and scientific causes there is a great need for investment, especially in supporting and encouraging talented young researchers.

Our Project: Empiris Award for Research in Brain Diseases

In an effort to encourage brain research, the EMPIRIS foundation conferred the EMPIRIS AWARD FOR RESEARCH IN BRAIN DISEASES for the first time in 2006. The CHF 5,000 award is presented annually. The recipient will be a doctoral or MD/doctoral student who has achieved noteworthy results in non-clinical basic research into brain diseases. The winner of the inaugural award in 2006 was Dr. Mathias Heikenwälder (doctorate in natural sciences), who, under the supervision of Prof. Adriano Aguzzi, authored a ground-breaking doctoral thesis on research into prions.

The Jury

Prof. Heinrich Ursprung
(Chairman of the Jury and member of the EMPIRIS Board of Trustees)
Prof. Amedeo Caflisch
(Delegate of the EMPIRIS Board of Trustees)
Prof. Julia Fritz-Steuber
(Member of the Jury)

Involvement began in 2006.

Picture 1 from left to right:
Prof. Adriano Aguzzi (doctoral supervisor),
Prize-winner Dr. Mathias Heikenwälder,
Former Federal Councillor Flavio Cotti
(Chairman of the EMPIRIS Foundation)

Picture 2:
Prof. Heinrich Ursprung (Member of the EMPIRIS Board of Trustees and Chairman of the Jury)