

Lifetime Achievement Award

Roger J. Packer, MD

It is with great enthusiasm that the members of the ISPNO community have decided to offer this first Lifetime Achievement Award to Dr. Roger Packer.

Dr. Packer started his career in Philadelphia, in 1981. He very quickly became one of the leaders of this small community of oncology specialists interested in pediatric brain tumors. Over the years, he came to influence the management of most pediatric brain tumors, many of the protocols he developed being commonly referred to as the "Packer regimens". The description of Dr. Packer's multiple contributions to the field of pediatric neuro-oncology could span entire chapters. He has been and still remains an active, passionate and dedicated member of the COG and several national or international networks, such as the Neurofibromatosis Consortium or the Pediatric Brain Tumor Consortium. He is a true leader and generates ideas that frequently translate into innovative protocols or national/international collaborations. As we all know, Dr. Packer's career is also strongly associated with the story of the ISPNO meeting and he has contributed to the development of an international paediatric neuro-oncology network.

Each and every member of the pediatric neuro-oncology community overwhelmingly shares the opinion that Dr Packer's unparalleled contribution to his field should be recognized at this time of his career and it is really a pleasure and a privilege to offer him this Award at the ISPNO Meeting 2020.

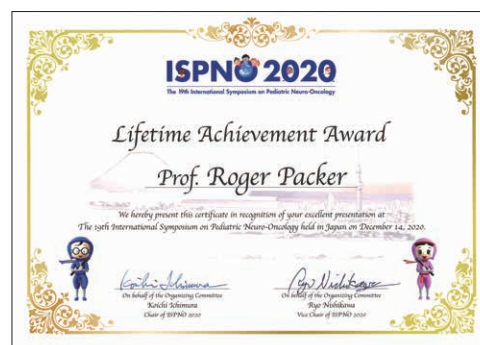
Presented by Eric Bouffet

Award Recipient Profile:



Roger J. Packer, MD

Dr. Roger J. Packer is the Senior Vice President of the Center for Neuroscience and Behavioral Medicine and Director of the Brain Tumor Institute and the Gilbert Family Neurofibromatosis Institute at Children's National Hospital in Washington, DC. His career is focused on the care of children with brain tumors including the development of prospective clinical trials for children with medulloblastoma, other embryonal tumors, and with high and low-grade gliomas. He has and continues to lead efforts in multiple brain tumor and neurofibromatosis consortiums and the protocols Dr. Packer developed for medulloblastoma and low-grade glioma remain international standards. He has published well over 400 original articles and 350 chapters and books. He was one of the founders of ISPNO, co-chairing the first meeting in the United States in Seattle in 1989, while also chairing ISPNO in Philadelphia (1990) and Washington, D.C. (1996).



Lifetime Contribution to Asian Neuro-Oncology Community Award

Tai-Tong Wong, MD

Dr. Tai-Tong Wong represents one of the most senior and well-respected pediatric brain tumor specialist and neurosurgeon in Taiwan and Asia. He completed his undergraduate medical degree in 1973 from the NDMC and then pursued neurosurgical training at Taipei VGH (1973-1978) followed by a pediatric neurosurgery fellowship at SickKids Hospital, Canada (1980). He returned to Taiwan where he helped drive innovative multi-disciplinary approaches and pediatric brain tumor research and trained the first generation of pediatric neuro-surgeons in Taiwan. Most recently (2015), he became the director of the pediatric brain tumor program of Taipei Cancer Center at TMUH/TMU where he maintains a very busy consult service and directs a brain tumor research laboratory. Recently, he led and became founding president of the Taiwan Pediatric Brain Tumor Consortium (TPBTC).

In addition to his home country, Dr Wong has also played a critical role in the development of pediatric neurosurgery and neuro-oncology in Asia through international training initiatives and leadership in multiple international organizations. In addition to founding presidencies of TSNO (2003-2005), TSPN (2008-2010), he has served as president of ASPN (2015-2017) and ISPNO (2009-2010). He has been an active organizer of multiple local and several international congresses including the 4th Congress of ASNO (2005), the 34th ISPNO annual meeting (2006), and 2nd Asian CNS GCT Conference (2016). The ISPNO 2020 Award for Lifetime contribution to Asian Neuro-Oncology Community recognizes the invaluable career-long commitment of Dr Wong to promoting pediatric neuro-surgery and Neuro-oncology in Asia.

Presented by Annie Huang

Award Recipient Profile:



Tai-Tong Wong, MD

Pediatric Brain Tumor Program and Pediatric Neurosurgery, Department of Neurosurgery, Taipei Medical University Hospital

Dr. Tai-Tong Wong is currently staff and professor of pediatric neurosurgery and director of pediatric brain tumor program of Taipei Cancer Center at TMUH/TMU (since 2015). He graduated from NDMC (1973) and received neurosurgical and pediatric neurosurgical training in Taipei VGH (1973-1978) and HSC Toronto (clinical and research fellow, 1980), respectively. He dedicates for team treatment and research of pediatric brain tumors since then. He has been the first president of TSNO (2003-2005), TSPN (2008-2010), AASPN (2015-2017), TPBTC (2020-2023); president of ISPNO (2009-2010); and pediatric neurosurgery committee chairman of WFNS (2010-2013). He had also hosted and organized international congresses including the 4th Congress of ASNO (2005), the 34th ISPNO annual meeting (2006), and 2nd Asian CNS GCT Conference (2016).

Abbreviations: TMUH - Taipei Medical University Hospital; TMU - Taipei Medical University; NDMC - National Defense Medical Center; Taipei VGH - Taipei Veterans General Hospital; HSC Toronto - Hospital for Sick Children Toronto; TSNO - Taiwan Society for Neuro-Oncology; TSPN - Taiwan Society for Pediatric Neurosurgery; AASPN - Asian Australasian Society for Pediatric Neurosurgery; WFNS - World Federation of Neurological Society; ASNO - Asian Society for Neuro-Oncology; ISPNO - International Society for Pediatric Neurosurgery; CNS GCT - Central Nervous System Germ cell Tumor.



Pediatric Neuro-Oncology Community Service Award

Angela Dickson, MBE
Neil Dickson, MBE

Neil and Angela Dickson have made a significant contribution to neuro-oncology in the last 24 years. Inspired by the loss of their beautiful daughter Samantha, and recognising that there was not enough research into brain tumours, they worked tirelessly to ensure that high quality research was pursued across the UK, and around the world. Among other achievements, they've funded work that led to the discovery of the medulloblastoma subtypes, and steadfastly supported Head Smart, the award winning campaign that decreased diagnosis time for UK children with a brain tumour and in 2012 were integral in the merger which formed The Brain Tumour Charity as a global funder of research in the field.

Presented by Barry Pizer

Award Recipient Profile:



Neil and Angela founded the Samantha Dickson Brain Tumour Trust in 1996, since renamed The Brain Tumour Charity. It is one of the largest funders of brain tumour research in the World. Being passionate about International collaboration, they have been supporters of ISPNO, attended seven conferences and have been silver and gold sponsors. We are delighted to accept this Award from ISPNO in recognition of our contribution towards helping find a cure for brain tumours.

Angela Dickson, MBE
 Founder Trustee, The Brain Tumour Charity

Neil Dickson, MBE
 Founder and Vice chair of Trustee, The Brain Tumour Charity

