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Ceremony of the Francqui Prize by His Majesty The King Baudouin at the Fondation Universitaire on June 20, 1972

Curriculum Vitae - Report of the Jury



Jean-Edouard Desmedt

Curriculum Vitae

(1926-2009)

Born at Wavre, on February 19, 1926

University diplomas :

Doctor of medicine, Université Libre de Bruxelles, 1950.

Graduate higher education, Université Libre de Bruxelles, 1956.

Functions :

Professor at the faculty of medicine of the Université Libre de Bruxelles :
human neurophysiology, physiopathology of the nervous system.

Director of the Research unit on the Brain.

Curriculum vitae :

Free researcher at the laboratory of general pathology of the Université Libre de Bruxelles, 1945-1950.

Prize winner of the university Contests, 1947-1949.

Prize winner of the Contest of the Bourses de voyage du Gouvernement, 1951.

Assistant at the Université Libre de Bruxelles, 1950-1956.

British Council Scholar at the University of Cambridge, 1951-1952.

Graduate Fellow of the Belgian American Educational Foundation, 1952-1953.
Chief of work, 1956-1961.
Associated at the Fonds National de la Recherche Scientifique, 1957-1961.
Agrégation, 1959-1961.
Lecturer, 1961-1967.
Director of the Research unit on the Brain, 1962.
Full Professor, 1967.
Professor of exchange at the University of Oxford, 1963.
Professor of exchange at the University of Bologna, 1968.
Member of the Association des Physiologistes de langue française, 1954.
Titular member of the Société d'Electroencéphalographie et de Neurophysiologie clinique de langue française, 1954.
Member of the New York Academy of Sciences, 1957.
Titular member of the Société française de Psychologie, 1958.
Member of the Acoustical Society of America, 1959.
Member of the Belgian society of Neurology, 1959.
Member of honor of the French company of Neurology, 1961.
Founding member and General secretary of the Belgian society of Electromyography, 1962.
Member of honor of the Societa Italiana di Biologia sperimentale, 1963.
Member of the American Biophysical Society, 1963.
Member of the Collegium Oto-Rhino-Laryngologicum Amicitiae Sacrum, 1963.
Member of honor of the American Association for Electromyography and Electrodiagnosis, 1965.
Member of the Société d'Ergonomie de langue française, 1965.
Member of the International Primatological Society, 1966.
Member of the International Society for Electromyographic Kinesiology, 1967.
Member of the Belgian League against the Myopathy, 1965; Chairman, 1967-1974.
Fellow of the Royal Society of Medicine, Great Britain, 1967.
Associated member, 1957; titular member of Physiological Society, Great Britain, 1968.
President of the Groupe de contact Neurophysiologie clinique of the Fonds de la Recherche Scientifique Médicale, 1968.
Member of the Belgian society of Biology, 1956; Vice-chairman, 1969.
Member of the Commission of Neurophysiology of the International Union of Physiological Sciences, 1970.
Chairman of the Committee of the subsidies and purses of the Brain Research Organization, 1968; Member of the Executive committee, 1969; Chairman of the Congrès annuel in 1970.
Member of International Society for Developmental Psychobiology, 1970.
Member of the Executive committee of the Commission of the Neuromusculaires Diseases of the World Federation of Neurology, 1971.
Member of the Committee at Pavia for the Electromyography of the International Federation of Societies for Electroencephalography and Clinical Neurophysiology, 1962-1969; Member of the Commission of Electromyography, 1969-1973; Chairman of the Committee of the apparatuses and methods of electromyography, 1962-1967; Chairman of the 4th international Congress of Electromyography in 1971.
Chairman of the Jury of the Scientific Prize Louis Empain section Sciences naturelles et médicales, 1972.

Member of the European Brain and Behaviour Society, 1969.

Scientific distinctions :

Prize Th. Gluge, 1953.

Prize Alvarenga de Piauhy, 1959.

Decennial prize of Givé de Muache, 1960-1970.

Jansen prize, 1961.

Pfizer prize, 1965.

Member corresponding of the Académie Royale de Médecine, 1969.

Titular of the Chaire Francqui at the Université de l'Etat à Liège, 1968-1969.

Titular of the Chaire belge at the University of London, 1969-1970.

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Report of the Jury (April 8, 1972)

Considérant que le Professeur Jean-Edouard Desmedt a apporté des contributions nombreuses et importantes à la physiologie et à la physiopathologie du système nerveux et du muscle, notamment dans le domaine du contrôle centrifuge des systèmes sensoriels, de la maturation du cortex cérébral et de la transmission neuro-musculaire,

considérant l'intérêt des applications cliniques de ses recherches et le renom international de son oeuvre,

décide de conférer le Prix Francqui 1972 à Monsieur Jean-Edouard Desmedt, Professeur à la Faculté de médecine de l'Université Libre de Bruxelles.

Jury members :

Professor Eric Martin

Professeur honoraire de l'Université de Genève.

Chairman

and

Professor Denise Albe-Fessard

Professor at the University of Paris
France

Professor Gustav V.R. Born,

Vandervell Professor at the University of London and
Royal College of Surgeons
London - UK

Professor François Gros

Professor at the Faculty of Sciences at Paris
France

Professor Richard Jung

Professor at the Albert-Ludwigs-Universität
Fribourg-en-Brigau

Professor Yves Laporte

Professor at the Faculty of Medicine at Toulouse

France

Professor Helge Larsen

Professor at the University of Trondheim

Professpr Denis Noble

Fellow and Tutor au Balliol College
Oxford

Professor Martin Ottesen

Directeur de recherche au Laboratoire Carlsberg
Copenhague-Valby

Professor Edward Charles Slater

Professor at the University of d'Amsterdam
The Netherlands

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