



Brilliant eccentric heroes



Great and not-so-great neurobiologists as recounted by John Nicholls

14 May 2015, 4.00 pm
SISSA, Room 128
via Bonomea 265, Trieste

Collaborators and friends of John Nicholls, pioneer of neurobiology studies and Professor at the International School for Advanced Studies (SISSA) of Trieste, celebrate the publication of his autobiographical book *"Pioneers of Neurobiology: My Brilliant Eccentric Heroes"*, a very personal take on the evolution of neurobiology, but especially on the protagonists of this field of research, today one of the most important in neuroscience. The event is open to the public and will be held in English.



To recount the history of neurobiology from a very personal point of view through the stories of its leading figures: that is what John Nicholls does in his new book "Pioneers of Neurobiology" (Sinauer, 2015), presented by the scientist's friends, colleagues and students on May 14th at SISSA, from 4.00 pm in Room 128.

In the text, Nicholls recounts anecdotes featuring students, post-doctoral fellows and professors, taken from his many years in the laboratory. Through these narratives, the scientist shares the amusing oddities and whims of those friends (some of them Nobel Prize winners), colleagues and technicians.

These informal chats give the reader a glimpse into the backsides of laboratories, including the more playful aspects of supposedly serious, world famous scientists, but above all the sheer fun of doing experiments.

The book presentation is a public event and will be held in English.

More in detail...

John Nicholls is Professor of Neuroscience at SISSA. Born in 1929, he received a medical degree from Charing Cross Hospital and a Ph.D. from the Department of Biophysics at University College London, where he worked with Bernard Katz (Nobel Prize for Medicine in 1970). He has worked for numerous important universities, such as Oxford, Harvard, Yale, and Stanford, and at the Biocenter in Basel. His research (for which he is known worldwide) concerns repair of the nervous system after an injury and the origin of the respiratory rhythm.

USEFUL LINKS:

- The book on Sinauers Associates website: <http://goo.gl/S9Vjyb>

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