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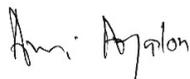
Patrick D. McGorry

the degree of

Doctor of Philosophy, Honoris Causa

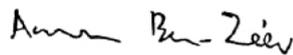
in recognition of his groundbreaking research allowing us to better understand the complex and complicated world that threatens human mental health; his studies that continue to be a source of inspiration for researchers throughout the world; the diagnostic and treatment methods he developed enabling early-stage identification of these threats and safe, non-invasive treatment for adolescents and young adults; his understanding that an individual is valued for his ability to assist weak and diverse members of society, a personal awareness that has resulted in improved quality of life for millions around the world; for the significant social responsibility he took upon himself through his field of study; and for confirming that every scholar can descend the “ivory tower” to implement research in a society that yearns for it.

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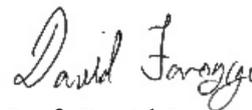
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PROFESSOR PATRICK D. McGORRY

International Expert in Youth Mental Health

Prof. McGorry was born in 1952 in Dublin, Ireland and today is a resident and citizen of Australia. In 1977, he completed his medical studies at the University of Sydney and in 1979 Prof. McGorry was awarded Membership in the Royal College of Physicians in London. He earned his doctoral degree at Monash University in Australia in 1991, specializing in psychiatry, and, in particular, the identification and diagnosis of psychiatric disorders. Over the past thirty years, Prof. McGorry's work combines his knowledge of medicine with his knowledge of mental health.

Already early in his career, Prof. McGorry decided to concentrate his research on mental health disorders in young people. His groundbreaking work laid the foundation for developing diagnostic methods and treatment for adolescents and young adults with emerging serious mental illness, methods which are employed today as a basis for treatment and help for young people with psychiatric disorders. Prof. McGorry's innovative approach has been adopted by governments throughout the world and constitutes a significant revolution in the way society relates to these young people.

As one whose central approach is the importance of early identification and intervention in order to cope with mental illness, Prof. McGorry invested many years in research and academic activities but also in social involvement in order to convey the important message of early diagnosis. In 2002, he established "Orygen", a research and treatment center for young people with psychiatric disorders. It is today a model upon which many other youth mental health centers around the world have subsequently been set up. Prof. McGorry is also a Director of the National Youth Mental Health Foundation of Australia ("Headspace") and of the National Youth Mental Health Foundation of Ireland ("Headstrong"), and over the years has held many positions in the public sector related to mental health among young people.

Prof. McGorry has received more than fifteen individual awards for his research and social activities. In 2010, he was honored with the Australian of the Year award for excellence and extraordinary achievement for his work on behalf of youth mental health.

Over the years, Prof. McGorry has written more than 400 research publications which have been quoted many thousands of times. He has been a member of many committees; was a guest lecturer at Universities throughout the world; and advisor to governments and international organizations.

Today Prof. McGorry is guiding and mentoring the next generation of researchers in the community mental health field. His involvement in the field is continually enriching the knowledge and ability to treat serious psychiatric illnesses at an early stage. Prof. McGorry's method has served to not only improve but even save the lives of millions of people.