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### **Karen S. Wilcox, Ph.D., Receives the American Epilepsy Society's 2020 Founders Award**

CHICAGO - Karen S. Wilcox, Ph.D. was presented with the 2020 Founders Award during the AES2020 event of the American Epilepsy Society (AES). One of the most prestigious awards given by the Society, the Founders Award, established in 1966, recognizes members who have a record of lifetime contributions and accomplishments related to epilepsy. The award is funded by the AES Lennox and Lombroso Trust.

Dr. Wilcox is the Richard L. Stimson Presidential Professor and Chair of the Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology and Director of the contract site of the internationally recognized NINDS - funded Epilepsy Therapy Screening Program at the University of Utah. The goal of her research is to improve the lives of patients with epilepsy through understanding the basic mechanisms underlying epilepsy and the development of innovative therapies.

Dr. Wilcox is a past Board member of AES and continues as an active volunteer with the Society. She is a past recipient of the Lombroso Lecture Award and has served in leadership positions as co-chair of the Gender Diversity Task Force, co-chair of the Fellows/Jr. Investigators Professional Development Committee, member of the Nominating Committee, and on more than a dozen councils and committees over the last 20 years.

She is a member of several editorial review boards and has served as an ad hoc reviewer for journals in many areas including pharmacology, neuroscience, and epilepsy. She has completed terms as a regular member of two study sections at NIH, continues to serve in an ad hoc capacity as a reviewer for NINDS, and reviews grants for several foundations. She recently received a NINDS Javits Neuroscience Investigator Award.

#### ***About the American Epilepsy Society***

*Founded in 1946, the American Epilepsy Society (AES) is a medical and scientific society whose members are dedicated to advancing research and education for preventing, treating and curing epilepsy. AES is an inclusive global forum where professionals from academia, private practice, not-for-profit, government and industry can learn, share and grow in their mission to eradicate epilepsy and its consequences.*

*For more information, visit the American Epilepsy Society online at [aesnet.org](http://aesnet.org).*

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