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**Mary Lou Smith, Ph.D., C.Psych Receives American Epilepsy Society
2020 Fritz E. Dreifuss Award**

CHICAGO - Mary Lou Smith, Ph.D., C.Psych. presented the Fritz E. Dreifuss lecture during the Presidential Symposium at the AES2020 event of the American Epilepsy Society (AES). Dr. Smith spoke on *Cognitive outcomes after surgery in children*.

Dr. Smith is a Professor in the Department of Psychology, University of Toronto Mississauga, and a Senior Associate Scientist in the Neurosciences and Mental Health Program of the Research Institute at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto. In her more than 30 years of research and clinical work she has led seminal studies of the roles of the frontal and temporal lobes in memory. Her current research examines the cognitive and behavioural co-morbidities associated with pediatric onset epilepsy, the long term cognitive and psychosocial outcomes of epilepsy surgery in childhood, and the key psychosocial, family, cognitive and neurological variables that determine quality of life in children with epilepsy.

Active in advocacy, education and professional service with the International League Against Epilepsy (ILAE), the AES, and the Canadian League Against Epilepsy (CLAE), she is a member of the ILAE Neuropsychology (Diagnostic Strategies Commission), Pediatric Psychiatry (Commission on Pediatrics) and Pediatric Epilepsy Severity Scale Task Forces and is secretary of ILAE North America. She is on the Board of the CLAE, and is the co-chair of the executive committee of the Canadian Pediatric Epilepsy Network.

The Dreifuss lecture, funded through the AES Dreifuss Fund, honors the memory of Dr. Fritz E. Dreifuss, a leading clinical epilepsy specialist, clinical investigator, and former President of the AES and ILAE. He was mentor to a generation of epilepsy researchers, and an educator with worldwide influence. His legacy continues as the fellows and residents he mentored, in turn, have become a network carrying on his work.

About the American Epilepsy Society

Founded in 1946, the American Epilepsy Society (AES) is a medical and scientific society who 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.

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