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**Torbjörn Tomson, M.D., Ph.D., Honored with Fritz E. Dreifuss Lecture award
at the American Epilepsy Society's Annual Meeting**

BALTIMORE - Torbjörn Tomson, M.D., Ph.D., was honored with the Fritz E. Dreifuss Lecture award at the annual meeting of the [American Epilepsy Society \(AES\)](#), a medical and scientific society whose members are dedicated to advancing research and education for preventing, treating and curing epilepsy.

Dr. Tomson is a senior professor of neurology at the Department of Clinical Neuroscience Karolinska Institutet, Stockholm, Sweden and senior consultant at the department of neurology, Karolinska University Hospital. His epilepsy research focuses on pharmacotherapy, epidemiology and pregnancy issues. His main contributions are in research on Sudden Unexpected Death in Epilepsy (SUDEP) and pregnancy outcomes in relation to maternal use of different antiseizure medications.

Dr. Tomson has served on several commissions of the International League Against Epilepsy (ILAE) and is currently chair of the task force on women and pregnancy. He is a fellow of the royal college of physicians (FRCP) in Edinburgh, honorary professor at Hanoi Medical University in Vietnam, and visiting professor at University College Dublin. He received AES' Research Recognition Award for Clinical Science in 2013.

The Fritz E. Dreifuss lecture honors the memory of Dr. Dreifuss, a leading clinical epilepsy specialist, clinical investigator, and former president of AES and ILAE. Founder of the Comprehensive Epilepsy Program at the University of Virginia and mentor to a generation of epilepsy researchers, Dr. Dreifuss was devoted to mentoring those in clinical epilepsy research. Supported by the AES Fritz Dreifuss Fund, the award promotes clinical epilepsy research and outstanding patient care and includes a \$1,000 honorarium.

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 to eradicate epilepsy and its consequences.

For more information, visit the American Epilepsy Society online at aesnet.org. Join the AES Annual Meeting social conversation today by following @AmEpilepsySoc on Twitter and use the hashtag #AES2019.

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