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## INS Elects Judy Illes to Serve as President

The Governing Board of the International Neuroethics Society announced that Dr. Judy Illes, PhD, FRSC, FCAHS of University of British Columbia will be the next president of the society. She will take office in February 2016 and will serve a two year term. She follows Dr. Barbara Sahakian FMedSci DSc, the current president, who has served since 2014.

Dr. Illes is a Professor of Neurology at the University of British Columbia (UBC) and Canada Research Chair in Neuroethics. She is Director of the National Core for Neuroethics at UBC, and faculty in the Djavad Mowafaghian Centre for Brain Health at UBC and at the Vancouver Coastal Health Research Institute. She also holds affiliate appointments in the School of Population and Public Health and the School of Journalism at UBC, and in the Department of Computer Science and Engineering at the University of Washington in Seattle, WA, and is a Life Member of Clare Hall, Cambridge University.

Dr. Illes received her B.A. from Brandeis University in Physiological Psychology (1979), an M.A. in Physiological Psychology from McGill University (1983), and Ph.D. in Hearing and Speech Sciences from Stanford University (1987), with a specialization in Experimental Neuropsychology.

Dr. Illes is a founder and governing board member of INS who has done a great deal for the field of neuroethics, including:

- Establishing an International Neuroethics Network in early 2000 and joining it with the Neuroethics Society to form our society, now known as The International Neuroethics Society
- Creating AJOB-Neuroscience, the official journal of INS and serving as its editor for five years before taking on her current role as Senior Editorial Advisor
- Working to integrate neuroethics into Societal Impact Theme H of the Society for Neuroscience
- Co-editing major textbooks in neuroethics, including *Neuroethics: Defining the Issues in Theory, Practice and Policy* and the *Oxford Handbook of Neuroethics*



- Training more than a dozen young international leaders whose faculty careers are now devoted to, or include, neuroethics
- Leading guidance to inform policies on major issues of neuroethical importance, including the management of incidental findings in research, multidirectional communication, integration of cross-cultural perspectives on brain health and mental well-being, harm reduction in addiction, and perceptions of risk for experimental interventions for diseases of the central nervous system

When asked what she envisions for her term as president, she responded simply with: "Engagement."

Dr. Illes hopes to engage and renew government and organization support for the society. She will work with the Executive Committee and Board of Directors to implement a structure for society comment and visibility in response to important matters relevant to neuroethics. Dr. Illes will seek ways to formalize mechanisms for the society's sponsorship of regional neuroethics meetings worldwide, and through these and other programs, create a mentoring program for our future leaders. Closest to her heart is a desire to review the society's governance structure, and to increase the stream of communication between society leadership and members.