Call for Nominations
The 2026 Academia Europaea Sydney Brenner Medal

The Academia Europaea (AE) Sydney Brenner Medal (SBM) is a Medal established by the Class of Life Sciences (Class C) of AE during the 2022 Annual Meeting. It has been created in recognition of the substantial contribution to science of one of the founding members of the Academy - Sydney Brenner.

The SBM honours the best in scholarship and personal achievements within a period of not more than 20 years after obtaining the PhD degree (with allowance for career breaks) by an individual scholar, working in the field of molecular biology and related disciplines.

The search and evaluation committee consists of the Chair of Class C. Plus, the Section Chairs of Class C, the initiators of the Medal (John Wong MAE and Balázs Gulyás MAE) and **Byrappa Venkatesh** (SG), Sir Keith Peters MAE (UK), **Michael Hayden** (CA) and **Philip Goelet** (US).

The first SBM call was announced in 2023 and **Professor Eugene YEO** was honoured for his achievements in the Life Sciences (Brenner medal 2023 - Eugene YEO FIN.pdf). In 2025 **Professor Markus RALSER** was the recipient of the Sydney Brenner Medal. (Academy of Europe: Sydney Brenner Medal).

Nominations should be submitted by AE members. Non-AE-member nominators are welcome to second the nomination. All academic nominations must be supported by detailed evidence of the suitability of any candidate. Due to the nature of the Medal, posthumous nominations are not eligible.

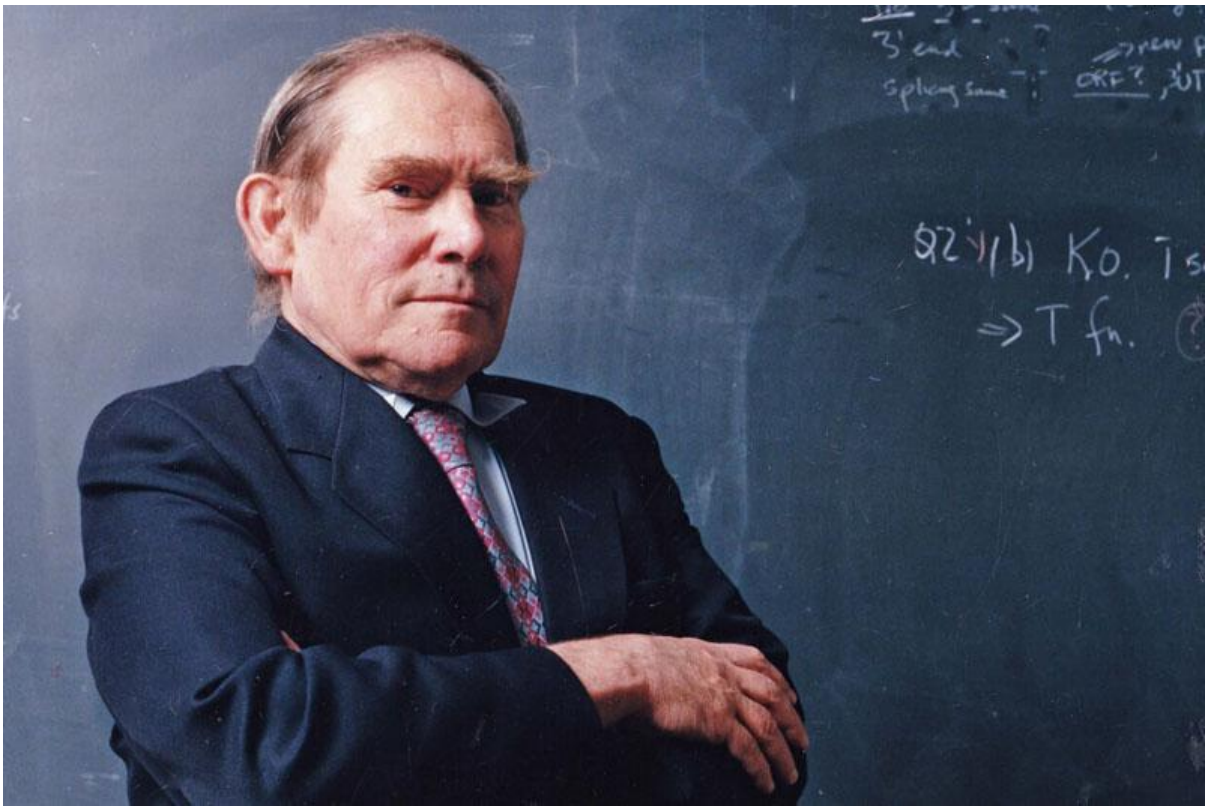
Candidates are not restricted to members of the Academia Europaea. In case of a non-member is being judged suitable to receive the award, the award will come with an invitation and induction to membership.

The Medallist will receive a Bronze Medal of Sydney Brenner and a diploma and will deliver a Sydney Brenner Memorial Lecture, either at an annual meeting of AE, or at a dedicated Class C meeting. The travel and accommodation costs of the Medallist will be covered by AE.

You are most welcome to submit a nomination using the 2026 nomination form via email to Prof. Balázs GULYÁS, Co-ordinator of the Sydney Brenner Medal search process, at president@hun-ren.hu), with a copy to our secretariat (Execsec@acadeuro.org; f.brandthaus@acadeuro.org).

If possible, please add the CV and the publication list of the candidate as well as a suggested 'laudator' of the candidate to your nomination.

The closing date of the nomination period is the **31st of March 2026 (midnight GMT+1)**.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