



WORLD SOCIETY OF PERSON-CENTERED MEDICINE (WSPCM)

Nomination of Claude Robert Cloninger for the honorary fellowship of WSPCM

To the Board of the World Society of Person-Centered Medicine,

It is with the highest esteem that I nominate **Professor C. Robert Cloninger PhD** for the **Honorary Fellowship in Psychophysiology** in recognition of his profound and enduring contributions to medical science, clinical practice, and the theoretical foundations of person-centered medicine.

Rationale for nomination Professor Cloninger's work has been pivotal in establishing a rigorous correspondence between **neurobiology, personality structure, genetics, and person-centered health care**, thereby advancing the concept of human allostasis and its relevance to clinical outcomes. His integrative approach—linking neuromodulation with personality traits and behavior—has opened essential pathways for understanding how biological and psychosocial factors interact to shape health across the lifespan.

Intellectual and scientific contributions

- **Foundational theory and research:** Professor Cloninger's investigations into the biological bases of personality and their clinical implications have provided a scientific scaffold for interactionism, the epistemological basis of person-centered medicine.
- **Bridging disciplines:** His work connects neuromodulatory systems, epigenetic mechanisms, and personality development with practical strategies for prevention and care that respect individual responsibility and agency.
- **Advancing person-centered practice:** By emphasizing the interplay of subjectivity, biological responses, and psycho-biological elaboration of environmental stimuli, Professor Cloninger's research supports a model of care that empowers persons to find meaning and exercise responsibility for their health.
- **Legacy and influence:** Alongside contributions from Allostasis theory and the work of John Eccles and Eric Kandel, Professor Cloninger's scholarship is essential to understanding the theoretical underpinnings of Person-Centered Medicine and Person- and People-Centered Prevention.

Impact on medical education and practice Professor Cloninger's expansions into epigenetics, personality traits, behavior, and human responsibility challenge reductionist, bio-technological models and advocate for a holistic, ethically grounded medical education. His influence has shaped curricula and clinical perspectives that place the person—spirit, mind, social context, and body—at the center of care.

Conclusion and conferment For these reasons, and in recognition of a lifetime of scholarship that has materially advanced the theoretical and practical foundations of person-centered health, I am deeply honored to propose that **Professor C. Robert Cloninger** be awarded the **Honorary Fellowship in Psychophysiology**

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