

Homage



Professor J.W. Sander

Professor Josemir W. Sander, or Ley Sander, as he is usually known, has been named recipient of the 2009 Epilepsy Research Recognition Award for Clinical Science, conferred by the American Epilepsy Society (AES). Sander is well known in the world for his pioneer research in the epidemiology and treatment of epilepsies particularly in developing countries¹. He was born in Brazil, in Rio Grande do Sul State and graduated from the Medical School of the Federal University of Paraná, in 1981. Here, he completed his Medical Residency in Internal Medicine in 1983 and then moved to London, UK, to the prestigious Chalfont Centre for Epilepsy and the National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery. Sander became PhD - Doctor of Philosophy - in 1994 at the Faculty of Medicine, of the University of London, MRCP - Member of the Royal College of Physicians - in 2000 - at the Royal College of Physicians, and FRCP - Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians - in 2005 - at the Royal College of Physicians, in London, UK². Sander published more than 300 papers, most of them in journals with high impact, several books and over hundred book chapters, mostly about epilepsy. Sander was editor of *Epigraph*, the newsletter of the International League against Epilepsy and he is Member of the Editorial Board and Reviewer of several medical journals around the world². Currently, Sander is Professor of Neurology and Clinical Epilepsy, Department of Clinical and Experimental Epilepsy, UCL Institute of Neurology, Queen Square, London, UK and Honorary Consultant Neurologist, National Hospital for Neurology

and Neurosurgery, Queen Square, London and Chalfont Centre for Epilepsy, Chalfont St. Peter, UK. He is also Director for Scientific Research, at SEIN - the Epilepsy Institute of the Netherlands Foundation, Heemstede, the Netherlands, since 2007, and is the Director of the World Health Organization Collaborating Centre for Research and Training in Neurosciences, Queen Square, London, UK². Two years ago Sander had his profile entitled "Ley Sander: the boy from Brazil", published in the *Lancet Neurology* and in the end of this Sander said "Often neurologists can not make that much difference apart from diagnosing the disease, but epilepsy is one condition where you can do something and change the lives of people"³. We feel that professor Sander, currently one of the most famous epilepsy experts in the world, makes a great difference in World Neurology and Brazilian Neurology is very proud of him.

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