



This report highlights recent international activities of the Mensa Education & Research Foundation. An eight-page annual report for the 2007–08 year plus additional information can be found on the website

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International Awards

Recognizing the Exceptional

The Mensa Education & Research Foundation and Mensa International, Ltd., work together to oversee several programs open to Mensa members around the world. Highlights of some recent awards follow.

■ *Lifetime Achievement*

The **2008 International Lifetime Achievement Award** is being presented to **Professor Miraca Gross**, University of New South Wales. Professor Gross has been awarded the Order of Australia by Her Majesty the Queen.

She has twice won the Mensa Foundation's Award for Excellence in Research and has published more than 100 articles, including a ten-year longitudinal study, and has had articles published in the *Mensa Research Journal*.

This award honors an individual's lifetime of contributions to the field of intelligence, giftedness, or creativity.

■ *Intellectual Benefits*

New this year, the **2008 International Award for Intellectual Benefits to Society** goes to **Nicole Schuster** of Mensa Germany.

Her accomplishment: Giving autistic-disabled people a voice in Germany. Ms. Schuster, now 23, was diagnosed with Aspergers, a form of autism, at the age of 20. Since that diagnosis, she has written two books on living with Aspergers, one book being a subject best seller in her home country.

Shocked by what society thinks about autistic

persons, Ms. Schuster has become a bridge between two worlds. She gives a voice to autistic people in Germany, where she is heard on radio and appears on television. She lectures frequently, and her widely published articles have begun to educate the public on the experience of being autistic. She is dedicated to providing a better understanding of this greatly misunderstood condition.

This award recognizes an international Mensa member for the application of intellectual abilities that result in a tangible benefit to society.

■ *Research*

The **Awards for Excellence in Research** are given internationally for outstanding research on intelligence, intellectual giftedness, and related fields.

Receiving an award as a junior researcher in the 2007–08 year is **Thomas Rammsayer**, University of Bern, Switzerland, "Processing of Temporal and Nontemporal Information as Predictors of Psychometric Intelligence: A Structural-Equation-Modeling Approach".

■ *Creativity*

The **Copper Black International Award for Creative Achievement** recognizes a Mensan who has produced an innovative, practical idea and successfully implemented it.

Mensa Research Journal

Understanding Our Community

The *Mensa Research Journal* (MRJ) publishes articles on recent findings in intelligence research from nationally and internationally esteemed scholars. Several articles published in the MRJ are authored by members of the international community as are guest columns.

To assist in world-wide distribution, postage costs for international subscribers are subsidized so that the yearly subscription rate is the same as for U.S. subscribers.

Some examples of articles in recent issues by non-U.S. authors are listed following.

Gifted in the Workplace **[Vol. 39, No. 2–Summer 2008]**

“What happens when girls, gifted in science,

grow up?” by Judy L. Lupart, Charlene J. Barva, and M. Elizabeth Cannon, The University of Calgary, Canada.

“Job satisfaction and temperament structure of gifted people” by Malgorzata Siekanska, University School of Physical Education, Krakow, Poland, and Andrzej Sekowski, Catholic University of Lublin, Poland.

The Measurement of Intelligence: The Story of g **[Vol. 38, No. 2–Summer, 2007]**

“Intelligence and class mobility in the British population” by Daniel Nettle, PhD, Departments of Psychology and Biological Sciences, The Open University, United Kingdom.

Scholarships

Opening Doors of Opportunity

The International Scholarship Program provides scholarships for foreign students enrolled at colleges or universities in the United States.

The international scholarship winner for 2007 is **Andrzej Nowojewski** of Polish Mensa, receiving \$1,000 (USD).

Appreciation is a wonderful thing: It makes what is excellent in others belong to us as well.

— Voltaire