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## January 2021 Newsletter

### Dear Supporter

Happy New Year to all Mental Health Research UK's supporters. Let us hope, with the vaccination against COVID-19, that 2021 will be a much better year for all of us.

The first thing to report is that I have decided to stand down as Chair of Mental Health Research UK from 8 February 2021. I shall be 75 then, and it seems to me that it is time for me to hand over to the next generation. I have been Chair since 2011 when John Grace QC another founding trustee passed away. It has been an amazing journey for me and I have written about it as a blog post that you can read at: <http://www.mentalhealthresearchuk.org.uk/home/MHRUK-Blog>. I shall continue to be a Trustee and member of the Awards Panel and shall also help with the administration of our charity working with David Riggs and our other volunteers.

I am delighted to announce that Professor Sir Michael Owen who has been a Trustee since 2019 is taking over from me. Mike is already chair of the Awards Panel and has been very much involved in our charity since he joined us.

Talking of Scholarships, the topics for the Scholarships for the 2021 competition for PhDs starting in September 2022 are:

1. New approaches to treating schizophrenia.
2. The impact of COVID-19 on understanding mental health, race and intersectionality

These address current issues and we would look favourably on starting the Scholarships earlier than September 2022. The competition will open in March 2021 and applications must be in by 14<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

I would like to introduce our latest Trustee Professor Peter Jones. More information can be found here <http://www.mentalhealthresearchuk.org.uk/about-mental-health-research-uk/who-we-are>. Peter will join the Awards Panel and as an epidemiologist brings a new perspective on our work.

Finally, we have a place in the London Marathon. Owing to the interest in the place we have decided that we will run a small competition when all the details are known, please email [trustees@mhruk.org](mailto:trustees@mhruk.org) if you would like to be sent details.

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