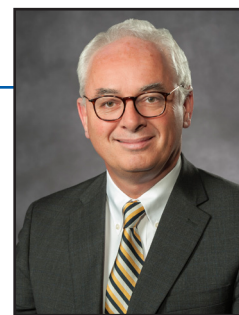


### From the desk of Peter F. Buckley, MD



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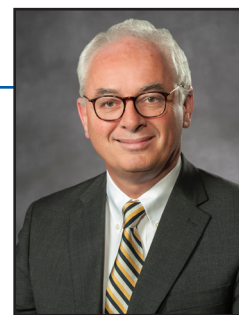
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In 1983, Chuck published—in the prestigious journal *Science*—a seminal study that debunked the prevailing notion that dialysis could be a treatment for schizophrenia. Always in the forefront of schizophrenia research, Chuck designed and participated in many other important studies over the years, with a major focus on imaging in adolescents and young adults. His contributions led to a better understanding of brain changes that occur at the outset of schizophrenia and also influenced how the field has come to recognize the prodrome of psychosis.

Perhaps Chuck's most compelling contribution was his co-founding of the International Congress on Schizophrenia Research, along with his colleague and lifelong friend, Dr. Carol Tamminga. This biennial conference, conceived by Chuck and Carol as part of the National Plan on Schizophrenia Research, had a profound impact over thirty years of schizophrenia research through fostering new knowledge, new collaborations, and new investigators.

Among the many awards that he received throughout a productive career, Chuck received the 2013 Wayne Fenton Award for Exceptional Clinical Care, as well as the 2014 Stanley Dean Award from the American College of Psychiatrists. These prestigious awards were in recognition of four decades of work spanning patient care, family psychoeducation, research, advocacy of research in schizophrenia programs as well as teaching. Although Chuck will be greatly missed by his friends and colleagues, his body of work and his leadership will remain as a timeless source of inspiration.

Chuck was an exceptionally congenial person and he greatly enjoyed his friendships with colleagues worldwide. On one occasion when Chuck and I were together at a European conference on schizophrenia, he humorously informed his wife Shannon that I was teaching him Irish! Reflecting now on a life well lived, Chuck would undoubtedly have appreciated this final Irish well-wishing ... *A dheis De anam ... may he rest at God's right hand.*

Best regards,

Peter F. Buckley, MD  
*Editor-in-Chief*