



# The Pain Relief Foundation 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Lecture 2021

## 56 Years On – Are We Nearer to Closing the Pain Gate? Professor Claudia Sommer

To honour the life and work of  
**Ronald Melzack**

**Online** Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2021 at 5.50pm  
**2 CPD Points**

This is the twenty-first of an annual series of lectures to honour those who have made an outstanding contribution to the treatment and study of chronic pain. This year's lecture honours **Ronald Melzack** and the meeting will be chaired by **Dr Chris Wells**

**Ron Melzack** was Professor of Psychology at McGill University, Montreal. He and Patrick Wall revolutionised pain research by introducing the gate control theory of pain in 1965, which led to the discovery of enkephalins and endorphins. He developed the McGill Pain Questionnaire and was a founding member of IASP in 1973. He died aged 90 in 2019. A short appreciation of his life and work will be given by **Daniel Carr**, Professor Emeritus of Public Health and Community Medicine at Tufts Medical Centre, Boston, and was Saltonstall Professor of Pain Research. He is known internationally for his contributions to pain research, evidence-based pain medicine, and to the social and political aspects of pain relief.

**Professor Claudia Sommer** is Professor of Neurology at the University of Würzburg, Germany. She is currently the President of the International Association for the Study of Pain. She holds Neuropathic Pain Clinics and her main research interest is in the pathophysiology of neuropathic pain. She is active in the development of national and international guidelines, for example on the fibromyalgia syndrome, on neuropathies, neuropathic and facial pain, and on the use of opioids. She has written more than 250 original research papers and more than 100 reviews and book chapters and has edited books on neuropathic and facial pain.

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**Join Meeting from 17:30h: start 17:50h: finish 19:30h**