

# Biography

**Cyril Höschl, MD, DSc, FRCPsych**  
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He was born in Prague in 1949 and received his MUDr (Doctor of Medicine) grade at the Charles University in Prague in 1974. He started his career at Psychiatric Research Institute (PRI) in Prague.

After his residency, he became a research fellow and psychiatrist at PRI and assistant professor at Charles University in Prague. His research interests included psychoneuroendocrinology, psychopharmacology and biological psychiatry.

In 1984, Prof. Höschl presented his original work on neuroendocrine tests in psychiatry at several Canadian universities. In 1985, he was invited to give lecture at New York University on his pioneering studies on calcium channel blockers in the treatment of affective disorders. After the breakdown of communism, he was elected as a Dean of Third Medical Faculty at the Charles University in Prague (1990–1997) and appointed professor of psychiatry and chairman, Prague Psychiatric Centre (former PRI). Since 2004, he is also professor of psychiatry at the University of P. J. Safarik in Kosice, Slovak Republic.

In 1996, he became a member of and in 2003 a fellow of the Royal College of Psychiatry, Great Britain. Between 1991 and 1998, Prof. Höschl chaired the Scientific Council of the Ministry of Health of the Czech Republic. He is the founder of an educational & training institute, Academia Medica Pragensis, and President of board of directors, Academia Medica Pragensis Foundation, mission of which is to support Czech medical science and education. Between 1993 and 1999, he was a member of Standing Committee on Long Range Planning, World Psychiatric Association. Since 1998, he has been a board member, 2005–2006 President-elect, 2007–2008 President, European Psychiatric Association (EPA). He is a member of many other societies and associations including Czech Learned Society, CINP, ECNP, etc. Since 2004, he is the President of the Czech Medical Academy and 2008–2009 the President of the Federation of European Medical Academies.

In 1985, he was awarded with Diploma of honor from Czechoslovak Psychiatric Society of Czechoslovak Medical Society of J. E. Purkynje. In 1990 he received Presidential Prize of the Czechoslovak Medical Society J.E.Purkynje for the book 'Neuroendocrinology in Psychiatry'; in 1992 co-awardee of Stanley Award (Stanley Foundation, Research Award Program, Virginia, USA); 1995 Prize of the Czech Neuropsychopharmacological Society for the participation on the work on postreceptor signal systems in schizophrenia. In 1997, he received Golden Medal of Charles University and Golden Medal of the 3rd Faculty of Medicine, Charles University for his merits in medical education. Among other things, Prof. Höschl is also an author of a fundamental transformation of the medical curriculum at the 3rd Medical Faculty of Charles University in Prague. He received many other awards and honors including Honorary Diploma of the Minister of Health of the Czech Republic (2000) for merits in his position of chairman, Review Committee of the Scientific Council of Internal Grant Agency, and merits in the Czech medical research.

Prof. Höschl is honorary editor, Neuroendocrinology Letters; editor-in-chief, Psychiatrie (CZ); co-editor, International Journal of Prenatal and Perinatal Psychology and Medicine (SUE); member of editorial board, International Journal of Psychiatry in Clinical Practice (GB) etc.

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