

Guest of Honour

Nobel Laureate

His Excellency

Dr. Sir Richard J Roberts

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Title of the Talk: The Path to the Nobel Prize



Sir Richard John Roberts FRS (Born 6 September, 1943) is a British Biochemist and Molecular Biologist. He was awarded the 1993 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine with Phillip Allen Sharp for the discovery of "Introns in eukaryotic DNA and the mechanism of gene-splicing". Roberts received a Ph.D. in organic chemistry from the University of Sheffield, Eng, in 1968. After postdoctoral research at Harvard University, he took a post at Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory in New York in 1972. In 1992 he joined New England Biolabs, a biotechnology firm. He currently works at New England Biolabs.

"What causes genes to be split?"

He was knighted in the 2008 Birthday Honors. In 2016, Roberts and other Nobelists composed and signed a "Laureates Letter Supporting Precision Agriculture (GMOs)" addressed to the leaders of Greenpeace, the United Nations.