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Council of Scientific Society Presidents Announces 2018 Carl Sagan Award Honoree

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WASHINGTON, DC – The Council of Scientific Society Presidents (CSSP) recently announced Steven Pinker as the recipient of the 2018 Carl Sagan Award. The award is given annually by the society to recognize an individual for outstanding achievement in improving the public understanding and appreciation of science. Dr. Pinker will be recognized on 2 December 2018 at an award presentation and banquet held in conjunction with the CSSP December Leadership Development Workshop in Washington, DC.

Dr. Pinker is Johnstone Family Professor at Harvard University. An experimental psychologist who conducts research in all aspects of language, mind psycholinguistics, and social relations, he focuses on language development in children. Dr. Pinker's research has led to important findings about how children acquire the foundation of their mother tongue through words and grammar, specifically their understanding of the meaning and syntax of language.

He is the recipient of numerous acknowledgements for his research, teaching, and books. Recognized as Humanist of The Year, one of *Time Magazine's* 100 Most Influential People in the World Today, and *Foreign Policy's* 100 Global Thinkers, Dr. Pinker has made significant world-wide contributions to the public understanding and appreciation of science. His optimism about current times inspires millions.

[CSSP](#) is committed to advancing leadership in science and technology and to establishing policies and programs that will ensure a bright future for 21st century science. Founded in 1973, the society has served as a center for national science leadership development, a strong voice in support of science in the nation's capital, and the premier forum for national science policy development through open, substantive exchanges on current issues encompassing the full spectrum of science, engineering, and mathematics. CSSP represents the breadth of science and engineering research disciplines through its member societies and federations. CSSP-member societies are represented by their presidents, presidents-elect, and past-presidents with combined membership that has historically approached nearly a million scientists.

[The 2018 CSSP Winter Leadership Workshop](#) will take place at the American Chemical Society, 1155 16th Street NW in Washington, DC, over the dates of 1-4 December. For more information about the workshop or CSSP, please contact info@sciencepresidents.org.

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