

EÖRS SZATHMÁRY



Eörs Szathmáry (1959) is a theoretical evolutionary biologist who earned his PhD in ecology at the Eötvös University in Budapest, Hungary. Currently he is a research professor at the Institute of Evolution, Centre for Ecological Research (Budapest), professor of biology at Eötvös University and Director of the Center for the Conceptual Foundations of Science at the Parmenides Foundation (Pöcking, Germany).

ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL CAREER

Szathmáry is most widely known for his pioneering work on the major evolutionary transitions with his former mentor and colleague the late John Maynard Smith. He has contributed to replicator theory, models of the origin of life, the nature of evolutionary open-endedness, the origin of natural language, learning and evolution (including the new approach of Darwinian Neurodynamics). He is in the Presidium of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences where he is also chairing the Presidential Committee for Sustainable Development. Szathmáry is also member of Academia Europaea and the Norwegian Academy of Sciences and Letters.

AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2017 Széchenyi Prize
- 1999 Prize of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences
- 1996 New Europe Prize for Higher Education and Research