

The neuroscientist of the month:

Huda Akil



*She was born in Damasc,
Siria, in 1947*

*In the early years she focused on the relation between
language and thinking; if words can have a different effect if
they are told in different languages*

*Although women didn't use to
study in her country, her family
found it very important to
promote her education. She did
psicology, like her father*

*She and her research group were the first who showed the
evidence of the endogen opioids existence. The
endorphines were discovered, which aim to block the pain*

*Then she moved to EEUU to
become specialized in
neurosciences and
pharmacology. She started her
research in the pain field*

*Nowadays she is a researcher at the University of Michigan.
She is working on the neurobiology of the emotions, the
pain, anxiety, depression and adictions*

*They also discovered the Stress-
Induced Analgesia; the stress
makes the endorphine levels
increase so the pain is reduced*

**"Many discoveries that have been attributed to
men were made by their sisters, wives and
sons"**



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