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Nobel Prize Lessons

The Nobel Prize

“to those who,
during the
preceding year, shall
have conferred
the greatest benefit
to humankind”

Alfred Nobel
(1833-1896)



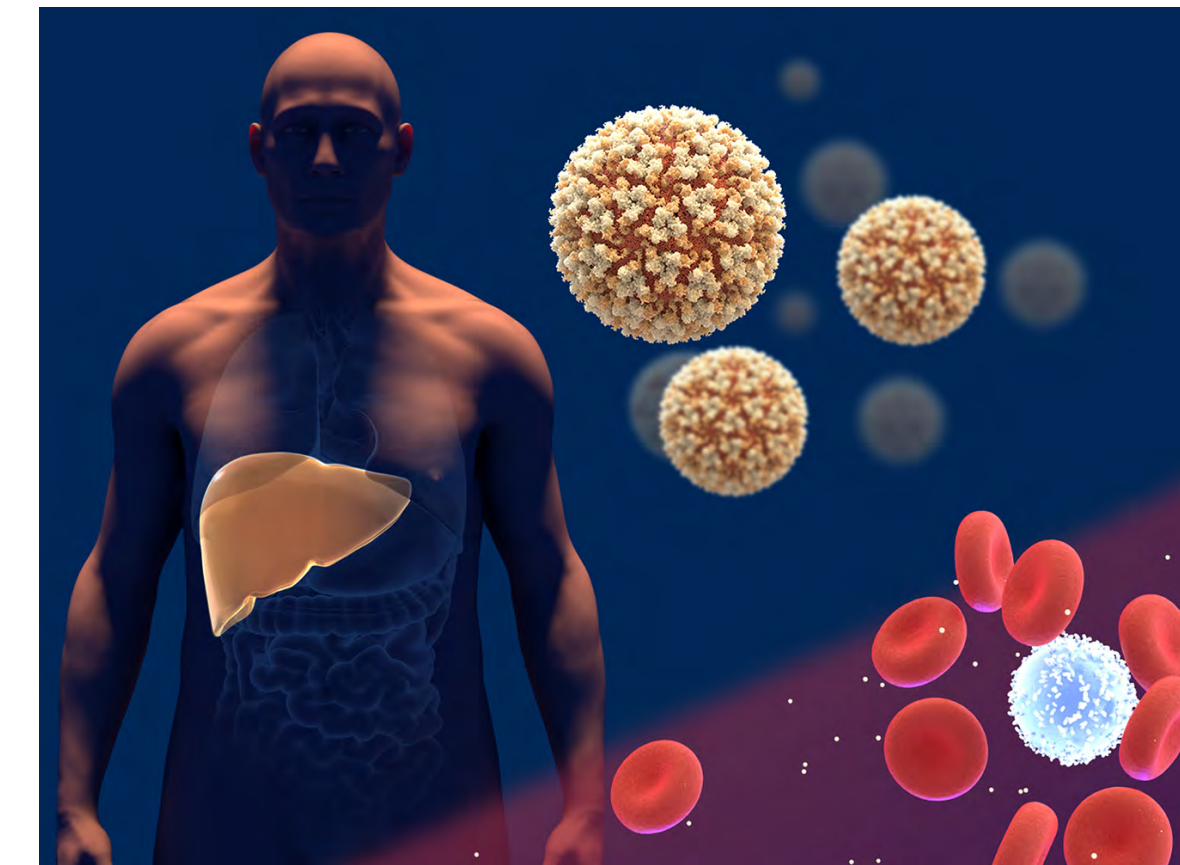
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Physics Prize: Research on black holes



Chemistry Prize: The discovery of the genetic scissors



Medicine Prize: The discovery of Hepatitis C virus



Literature Prize: American poet Louise Glück



Peace Prize: World Food Programme (WFP)



Economic Sciences Prize: Research on auctions

All 2020 Nobel Laureates



The 2020 Physics Prize

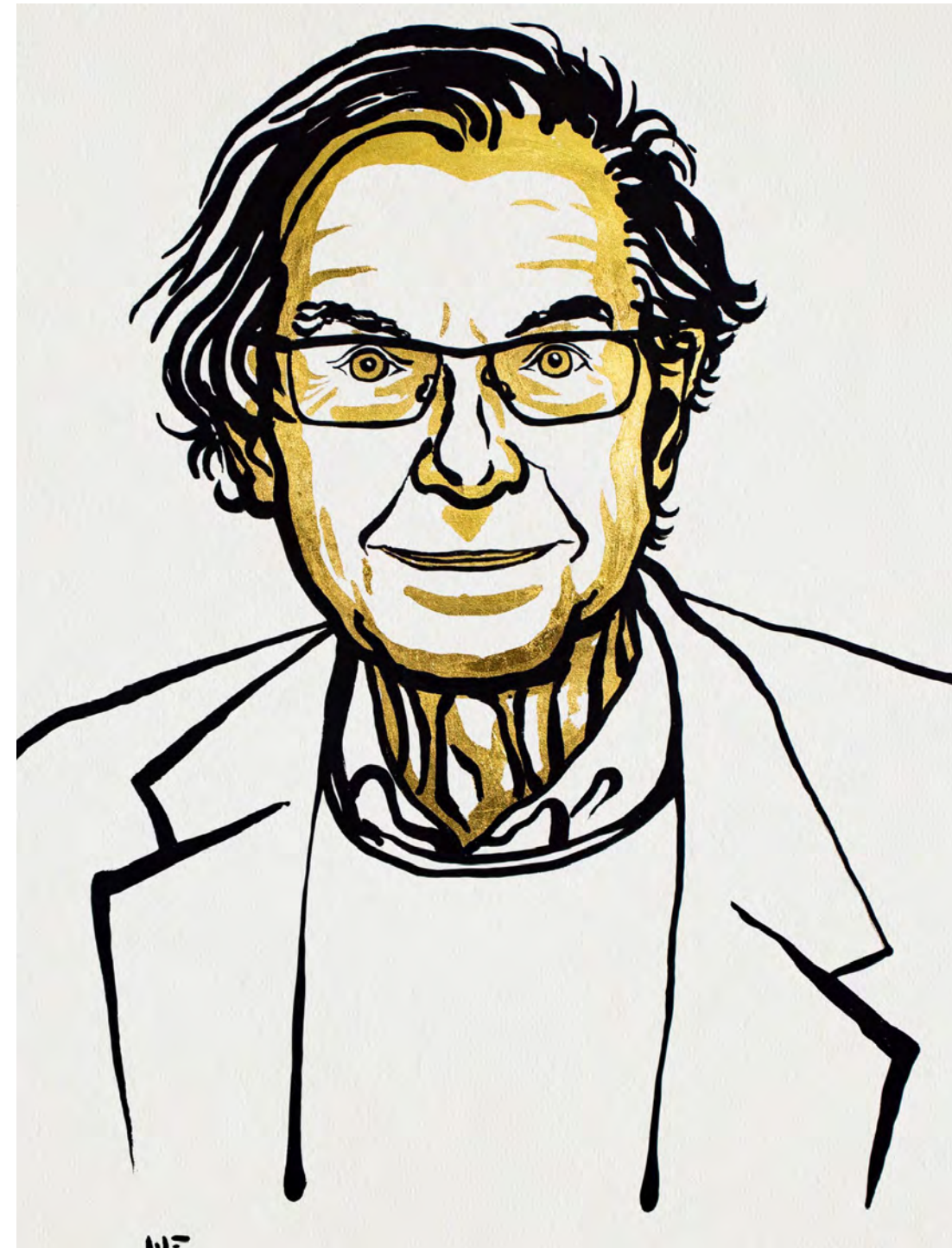
The prize rewards researchers for their discoveries about one of the strangest phenomena in the universe: black holes.



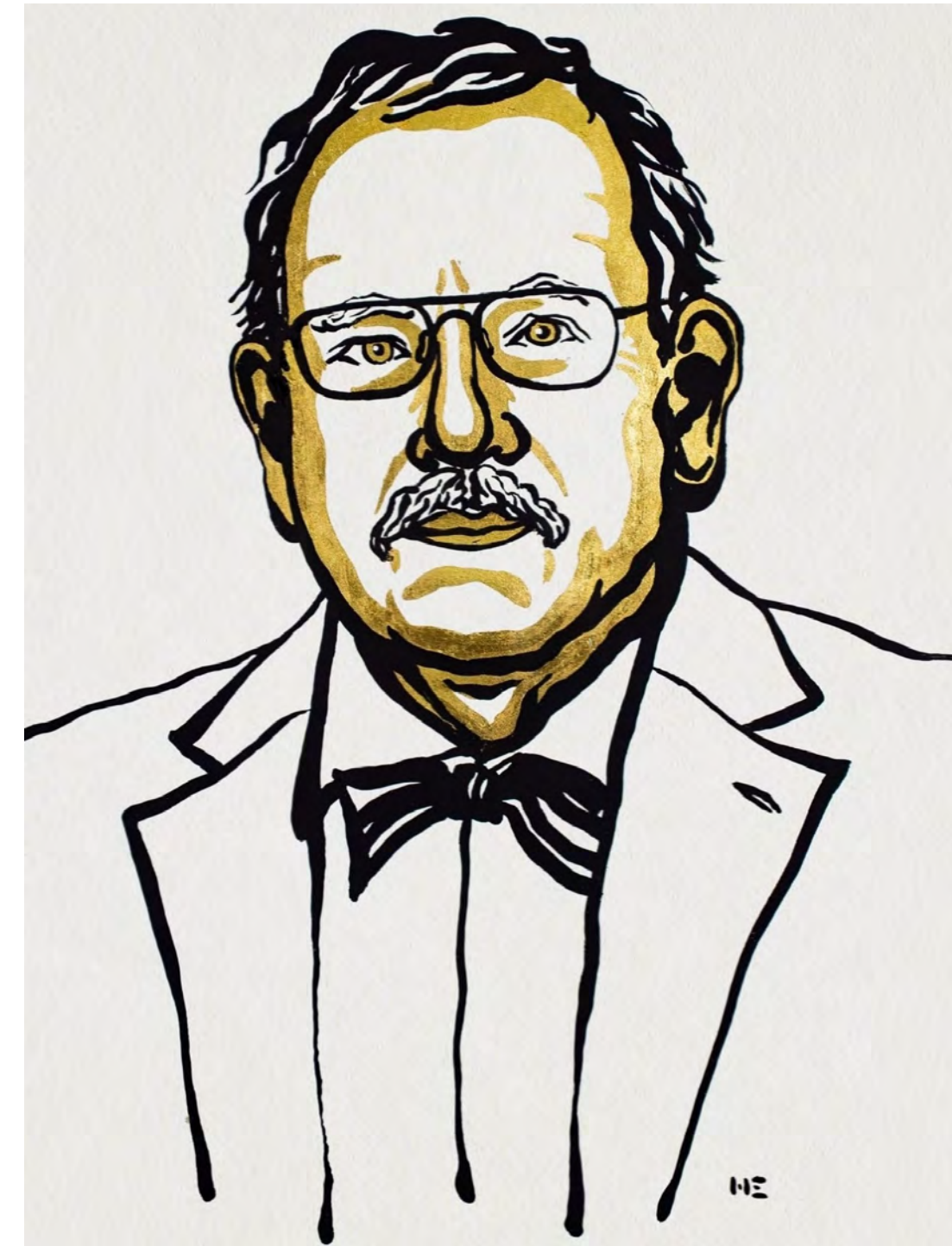
The 2020 Physics Laureates

Roger Penrose
“for the discovery that black hole formation is a robust prediction of the general theory of relativity”

Reinhard Genzel and Andrea Ghez
“for the discovery of a supermassive compact object at the centre of our galaxy”



Roger Penrose
Born: 1931, United Kingdom



Reinhard Genzel
Born: 1952, Germany



Andrea Ghez
Born: 1965, USA

Black holes

Black holes are incredibly heavy and compact objects.



IMAGE: EVENT HORIZON TELESCOPE

2020 Chemistry Prize

The prize is awarded for the discovery of one of gene technology's sharpest tools: the CRISPR/Cas9 genetic scissors.



The 2020 Chemistry Laureates

"for the development
of a method for
genome editing"



Emmanuelle Charpentier
Born: 1968, France



Jennifer A. Doudna
Born: 1964, USA

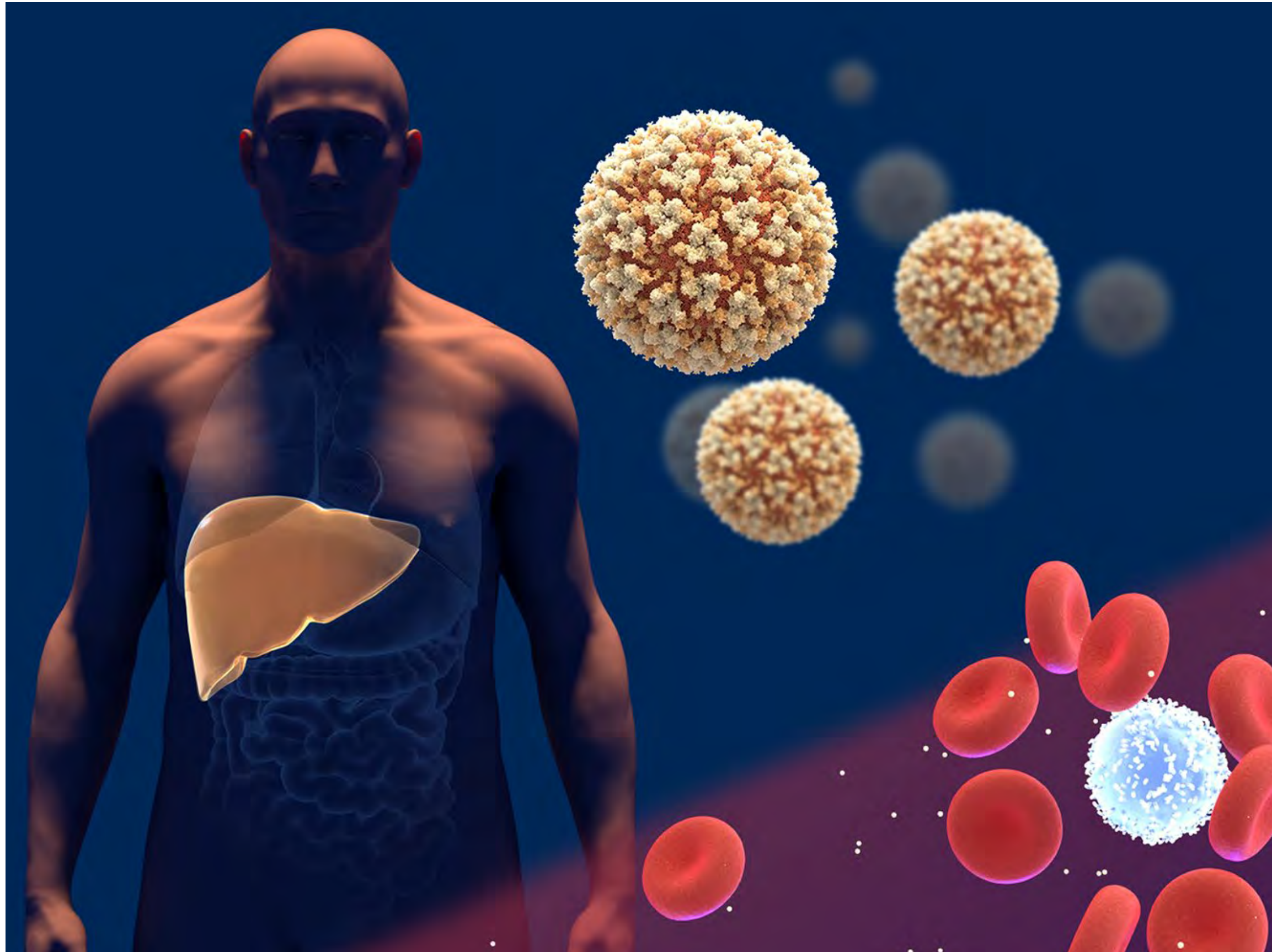
Unlimited possibilities – but also risks

Jennifer A. Doudna, one of the laureates, holding a model of the genetic scissors. The laureates' discovery offers hope of curing serious diseases.



2020 Medicine Prize

The prize is awarded for pioneering research that led to the discovery of a new virus that causes the disease hepatitis.

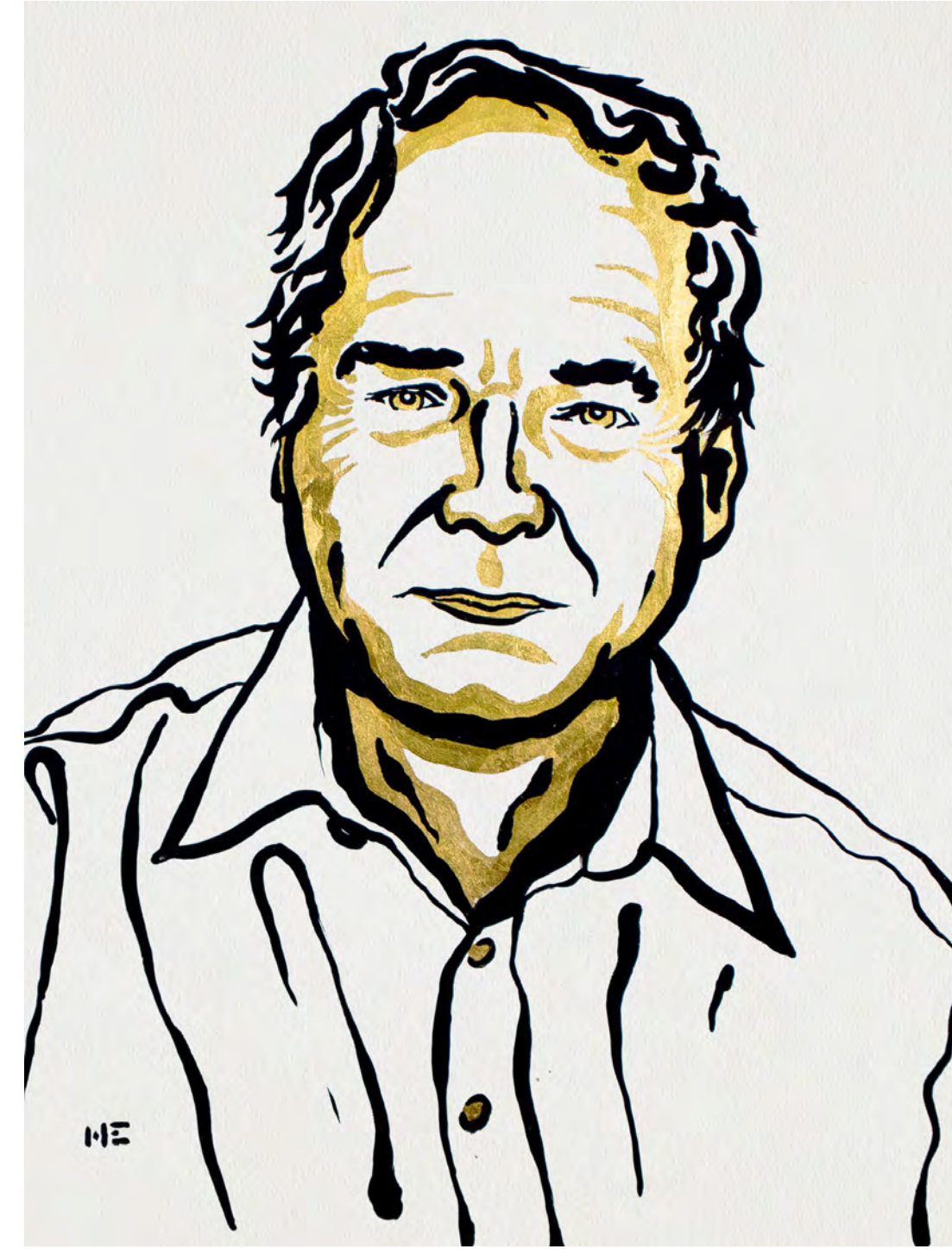


The 2020 Medicine Laureates

“For the discovery of
Hepatitis C virus”



Harvey J. Alter
Born: 1935, USA

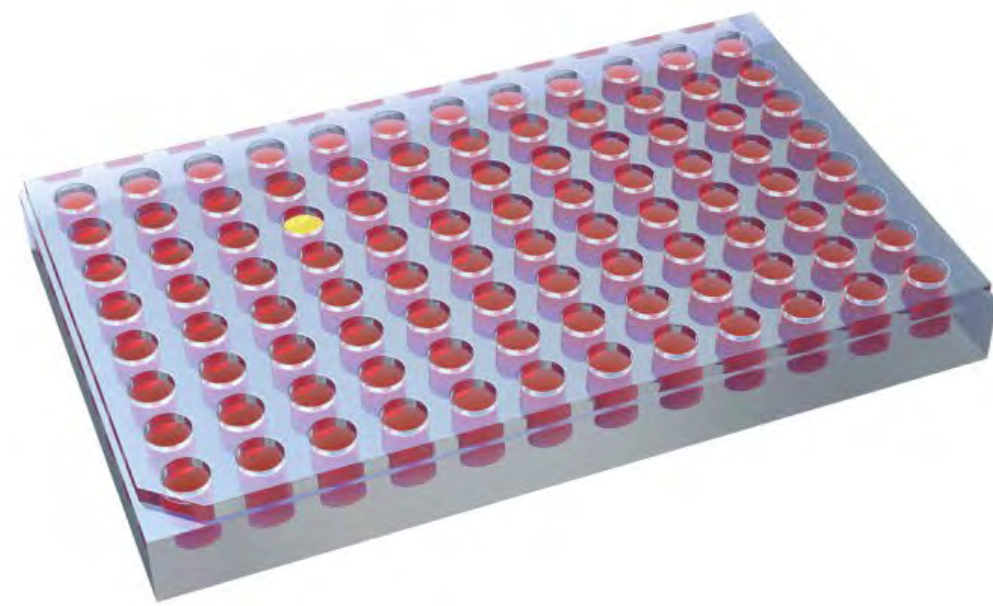


Michael Houghton
Born: 1949, United Kingdom

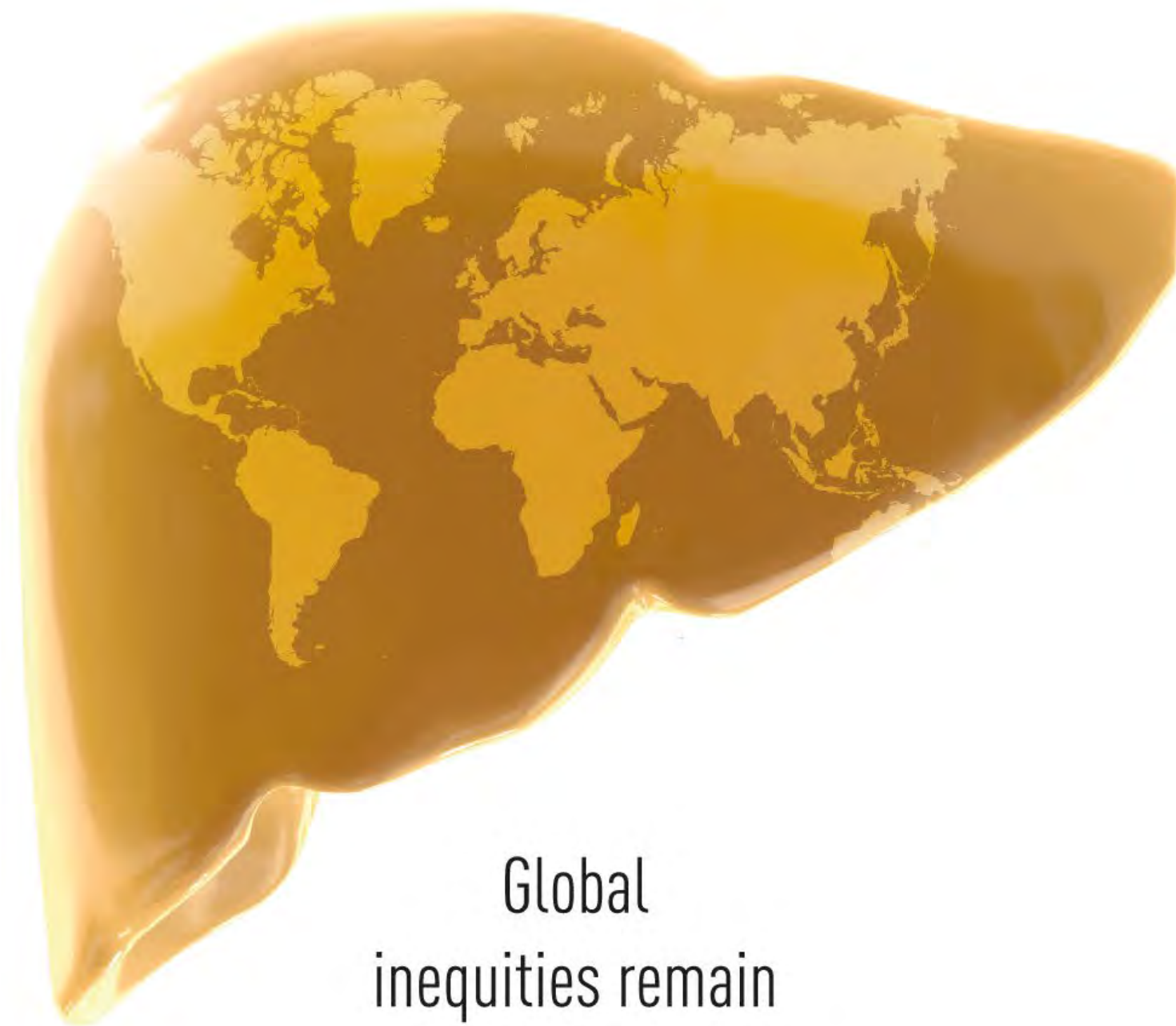


Charles M. Rice
Born: 1952, USA

For the greatest benefit to humankind



Sensitive
Hepatitis C virus tests



Global
inequities remain



Effective
anti-viral drugs

2020 Literature Laureate



Louise Glück
Born: 1943, USA

"for her unmistakable poetic voice that with austere beauty makes individual existence universal"

From the poem "Snowdrops"

I did not expect to survive,
earth suppressing me. I didn't expect
to waken again, to feel
in damp earth my body
able to respond again, remembering
after so long how to open again
in the cold light
of earliest spring –

By Louise Glück

From "*The Wild Iris*"

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Straightforward and deep at the same time



Louise Glück engages with timeless topics such as isolation, relationships and the confrontation with death.

2020 Peace Laureate



World Food Programme (WFP)
Founded in 1961.

“for its efforts to combat hunger, for its contribution to bettering conditions for peace in conflict-affected areas and for acting as a driving force in efforts to prevent the use of hunger as a weapon of war and conflict”

Supports 100 million people in more than 80 countries

WFP is the the world's largest humanitarian organisation working to eliminate hunger.



Link to peace?

Efforts to fight hunger can also contribute to peace and security.



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2020 Economic Sciences Laureates

“for improvements to auction theory and inventions of new auction formats”



Paul R. Milgrom
Born: 1948, USA



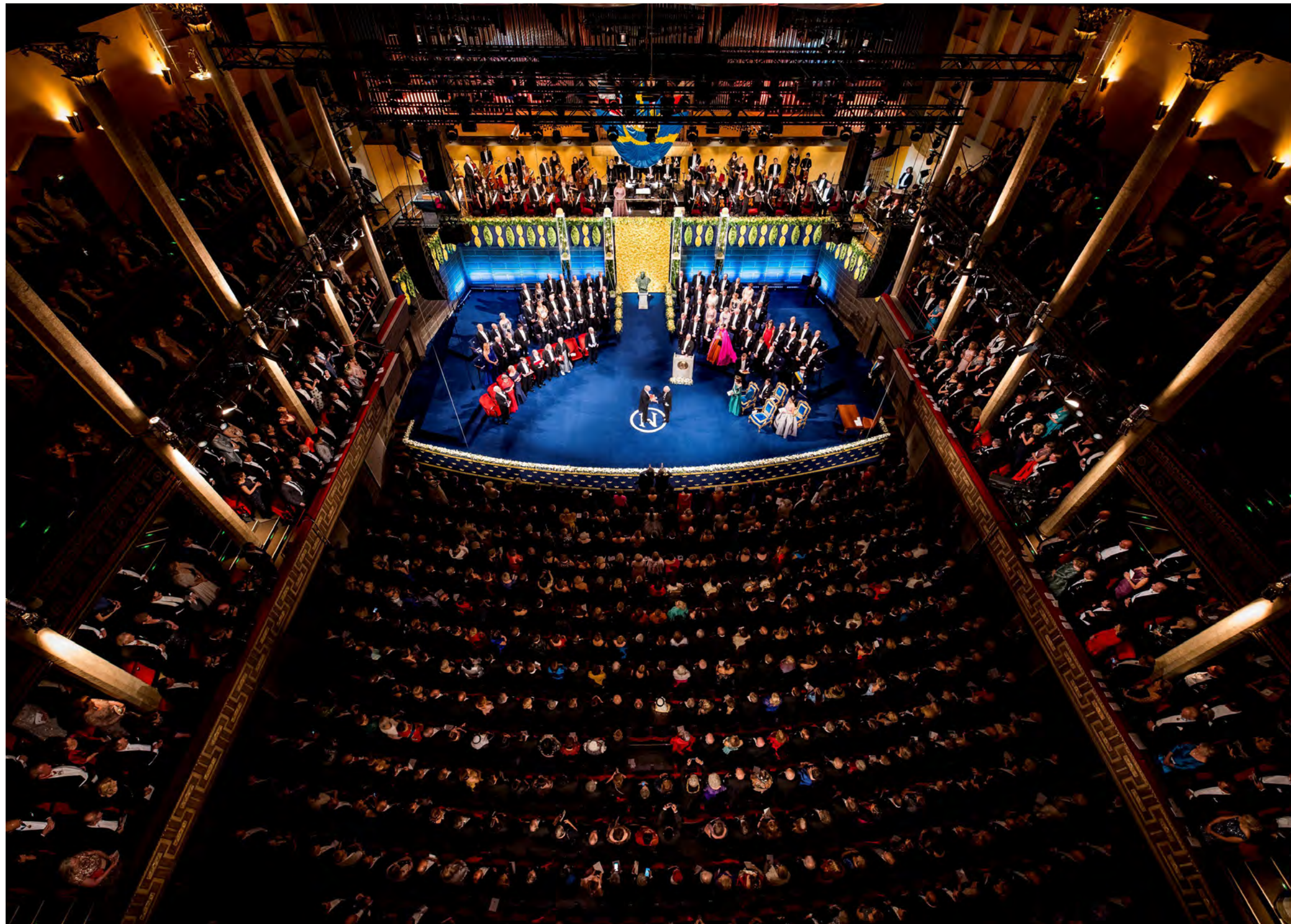
Robert B. Wilson
Born: 1937, USA

Better auctions in practice

The laureates have not only devoted themselves to auction theory; they have also invented new auction formats.



Awarding the Nobel Prize



On 10 December each year, the Nobel Prize is presented.

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