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EMBO announces newest elected members

Heidelberg, 7 July 2020 - EMBO has bestowed upon 63 leading scientists the lifetime honour of EMBO Membership in recognition of their remarkable achievements in the life sciences, it was announced today.

52 new Members and 11 Associate Members, residing in 25 countries, have been newly elected and join the community of the EMBO Membership. The new Members boast a large range of accomplishments, with candidates elected based on scientific excellence and pioneering research.

“The new Members have contributed to the success of research in the life sciences in Europe and around the world,” said EMBO Director Maria Leptin. “As EMBO Members they can help to shape the future through EMBO’s work to support talented researchers, bring ideas together, and promote an international research environment conducive to excellent science.”

EMBO Members actively participate in EMBO initiatives, for example by serving on EMBO Council and committees, by mentoring young scientists, or supporting activities such as the promotion of sound science policy. Members also guide and support the organisation in ensuring the highest quality in the selection of future members, postdoctoral fellows, and courses and workshops.

The 52 new EMBO Members reside in 18 Member States of the European Molecular Biology Conference (EMBC), EMBO’s intergovernmental funding body. The 11 new Associate Members are currently based in Australia, Canada, Chile, India, Japan, Singapore, and the United States. The new Members carry out research across a broad range of life science disciplines, including neuroscience, plant biology, cell biology, signal transduction, development, molecular medicine, immunology, and many more.

EMBO’s tradition of recognising outstanding life scientists as Members dates back to 1963, when an initial group of 150 Members were selected by EMBO’s Council. Since then, EMBO Members have been invited to nominate and elect exceptional researchers to join the community, which now exceeds 1,800 Members and Associate Members. Elections for EMBO Members are held annually. The new EMBO Members join a growing list of renowned researchers elected before them, which includes 88 Nobel laureates.

An online directory listing all EMBO Members, their affiliations and areas of expertise is available at people.embo.org.

Selected statistics

- 63 researchers have been elected to the EMBO Membership – 52 Members and 11 Associate Members
- Newly elected Members are based in 25 different countries
- 44% of new Members are women

New EMBO Members 2020

Gregor Anderluh	National Institute of Chemistry, Ljubljana, SI
Alexander Aulehla	EMBL, Heidelberg, DE
Eva Bártová	Institute of Biophysics of the Czech Academy of Sciences, Brno, CZ
Patricia Bassereau	Institut Curie, Paris, FR
Filippo Del Bene	Institut de la Vision, Paris, FR
Caroline Dive	Cancer Research UK Manchester Institute, University of Manchester, UK
Fiona Doetsch	Biozentrum, University of Basel, CH
Wolfgang Driever	Universität Freiburg, DE
Paul Flicek	EMBL-EBI, Hinxton, GB
Alain Goossens	VIB - UGent (Flanders Institute for Biotechnology - Ghent University), Ghent, Belgium
Berthold Göttgens	Wellcome - MRC Cambridge Stem Cell Institute, University of Cambridge, UK
Eva R. Hoffmann	University of Copenhagen, DK
Thorsten Hoppe	University of Cologne, DE
Ursula Klingmüller	German Cancer Research Center (DKFZ), Heidelberg, DE
Pierre-François Lenne	Developmental Biology Institute of Marseilles (IBDM), FR and Turing Center for Living Systems (CENTURI), Marseilles, FR
François Leulier	Institut de Génomique Fonctionnelle de Lyon (IGFL), FR
Kathryn S. Lilley	University of Cambridge, UK
Guillermina López-Bendito	Instituto de Neurociencias, UMH-CSIC, San Juan de Alicante, Spain
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Sascha Martens	Max Perutz Labs, University of Vienna, AT
Maria Dolores Martin-Bermudo	Centro Andaluz de Biología del Desarrollo, Universidad Pablo de Olavide, Sevilla, ES

Ana Martin-Villalba	German Cancer Research Center (DKFZ), Heidelberg, DE
Sophie G. Martin	University of Lausanne, CH
Brian McStay	National University of Ireland, Galway, IE
Raphaël Mercier	Max Planck Institute for Plant Breeding Research, Cologne, DE
Felix Naef	Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, Lausanne, CH
Serena Nik-Zainal	University of Cambridge, UK
Caren Norden	Instituto Gulbenkian de Ciência, Oeiras, PT
Dónal O'Carroll	Centre for Regenerative Medicine, UK and Wellcome Centre for Cell Biology, Edinburgh, UK
Giles Oldroyd	The Sainsbury Laboratory, UK and Crop Science Centre, University of Cambridge, UK
Uta Paszkowski	University of Cambridge, UK
José R. Penadés	Imperial College London, UK
Anna Philpott	University of Cambridge, UK
Mariana G. Pinho	Instituto de Tecnologia Química e Biológica, Universidade Nova de Lisboa, Oeiras, PT
Karel Říha	CEITEC Masaryk University, Brno, CZ
Pere Roca-Cusachs	University of Barcelona, ES and Institut de Bioenginyeria de Catalunya (IBEC), Barcelona, ES
María Carla Saleh	Institut Pasteur, Paris, FR
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Jan Steyaert	VIB-VUB Center for Structural Biology, Vrije Universiteit Brussel, BE
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Christopher G. Tate	MRC Laboratory of Molecular Biology, Cambridge, UK
Luis Teixeira	Instituto Gulbenkian de Ciência, Oeiras, PT
Aurelio A. Teleman	German Cancer Research Center (DKFZ), Heidelberg, DE
Matthias H. Tschöp	Helmholtz Zentrum München, German Research Center for Environmental Health, Neuherberg, DE
Beatrice Vallone	University of Rome 'La Sapienza', Rome, IT
Danijela Matic Vignjevic	Institut Curie, Paris, FR
Dolf Weijers	Wageningen University, NL

Sara A. Wickström,	University of Helsinki, FI
Eske Willerslev	University of Copenhagen, DK
Marta Zlatic	MRC Laboratory of Molecular Biology, Cambridge, UK and University of Cambridge, UK

New EMBO Associate Members 2020

Sumantra Chattarji	National Centre for Biological Sciences, Bangalore, IN
Job Dekker	Howard Hughes Medical Institute, University of Massachusetts, Worcester, US
Anne- Claude Gingras	Lunenfeld-Tanenbaum Research Institute, Toronto, CA
Christian Gonzalez-Billault	Universidad de Chile, Santiago de Chile, CL
Noboru Mizushima	University of Tokyo, JP
Akihiko Nakano	RIKEN Center for Advanced Photonics, Saitama, JP
Jodi Nunnari	University of California, Davis, US
Mitinori Saitou	Kyoto University, JP
Geraldine Seydoux	Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, US
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