

## EMBO elects 40 top researchers to its membership

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The European Molecular Biology Organization (EMBO) today announces the election of 40 leading life scientists to its membership. Each member has been elected on the basis of proven excellence in research and joins the ranks of over 1,200 of Europe's foremost researchers.

EMBO membership elections take place annually. Selection as an EMBO member recognises the key work being carried out by the chosen researchers in Europe and identifies them as among the very best in their field.

Frank Gannon, EMBO Executive Director, said, "EMBO members are the organisation's most valuable asset and the basis for our international reputation. This year's election once again puts a spotlight on the most outstanding representatives of the current generation of life scientists. We look forward to the fresh input this exceptional group of young researchers will bring to the organisation."

EMBO members represent a highly dynamic cross-section of the scientific community, covering the full breadth of the life sciences disciplines. 38 are Nobel laureates and many more are recipients of other prestigious international awards. EMBO members provide valuable scientific input to the organisation and through their contribution help to maintain the high standards of scientific excellence that EMBO has upheld since its foundation in 1964.

EMBO members are based predominantly in Europe. However, every year EMBO also extends an award of associate membership to a select group of scientists from outside Europe. The aim is to highlight the importance of interacting with scientists on an international level. A list of all new EMBO members and associate members is featured below.

The EMBO members elected in 2005 will be welcomed into the organisation and give a presentation on their research at the EMBO Frontiers of Molecular Biology meeting on October 13-17, 2006 in Sheffield, UK.

## **2005 EMBO members**

**Dario Alessi  
Silvia Arber  
Philip Avner  
Stephen D. Bell  
Walter Birchmeier  
Stephen D.M. Brown  
Jozsef Burgyan  
Jean-Laurent  
Casanova  
Maria Antonietta De  
Matteis  
Riccardo Fodde  
Robert Fuchs**

**Kenn Gerdes  
Pierre Gönczy  
Edith Heard  
Christine Holt  
Andreas E. Kulozik  
Achim Leutz  
Julian Lewis  
Joachim Lingner  
Michael H. Malim  
Maria G. Masucci  
Harvey T. McMahon  
Christoph W. Müller  
Ulf Nehrbass**

**Luke O'Neill  
Linda Partridge  
Jerzy Paszkowski  
Laurence H Pearl  
Felix Rey  
Mart Saarma  
Kári Stefánsson  
Jens Stougaard  
Giulio Superti-Furga  
Alfonso Valencia  
Hervé Vaucheret  
Isabelle Vernos  
Stephen W. Wilson**

### **Associate members**

**Ira Mellman  
Roger Y. Tsien  
Bert Vogelstein**

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