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# EMBO welcomes 66 leading life scientists as members

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■ Bruce Beutler	■ Fred Gage	■ Jane Mellor	■ Dirk Schübeler	■ Dan S. Tawfik
■ Simon Boulton	■ Marcos González-Gaitán	■ Axel Meyer	■ Stephen Smerdon	■ Didier Trono
■ Søren Brunak	■ Iain Hagan	■ Victor Muñoz	■ Christopher Smith	■ Gisou Van der Goot
■ Julia Promisel Cooper	■ Nicholas P. Harberd	■ Andrea Musacchio	■ Anne Spang	■ Pierre Vanderhaeghen
■ Patrick Cramer	■ Bassem Hassan	■ James H. Naismith	■ Ernst H.K. Stelzer	■ Laura van't Veer
■ Geneviève de Saint Basile	■ Ronald Hay	■ Keiichi Namba	■ Andreas Strasser	■ Dietmar Vestweber
■ Liam Dolan	■ Liisa Holm	■ Anne O'Garra	■ Michael Stratton	■ Andrew P. Waters
■ Richard Durbin	■ Brigitte Kieffer	■ Stephen O'Rahilly	■ Masatoshi Takeichi	■ Robert J. White
				■ Marat Yusupov

**HEIDELBERG, GERMANY, 19 OCTOBER 2009** – The European Molecular Biology Organization (EMBO) today announced the election of 66 leading life scientists to its membership. Sixty of the recognized researchers are based in Europe and neighbouring countries, while six scientists from Australia, Japan and the US receive the honour of associate membership. In total, EMBO membership now comprises 1,420 of the world's foremost molecular biologists.

EMBO elects new members annually on the basis of scientific excellence. The latest scientists to join the group come from 16 different countries and represent a broad cross-section of researchers from all fields of molecular biology, ranging

from evolutionary to computational biology, neuroscience and plant science. This year, 15 female scientists are recognized for their contributions to life science research.

“The election once again puts a spotlight on the most outstanding representatives of the current generation of life scientists. We look forward to the fresh impulses this exceptional group will bring to our organization,” said EMBO Director Hermann Bujard. EMBO Members provide their scientific expertise to the various programmes coordinated by EMBO. They provide scientific input to the organization, participate in committees, may nominate new members, mentor young scientists and initiate new activities.

To better reflect the diversity of contemporary molecular biology in the EMBO membership, the election procedure has been significantly modified this year – for the first time since the foundation of EMBO in 1964. From this year on, the top 60 percent of the candidates nominated by the membership committee are elected automatically. All remaining candidates are judged, according to their specialties, by an election committee divided into five scientific sections. The new procedure allows the identification of the true leaders in a wide spectrum of fields, who may not generally be known to all voting members.

A list of all new EMBO Members and Associate Members is featured below.

#### **NEW EMBO MEMBERS 2009**

Frédéric **Allain**, Switzerland  
Gil **Ast**, Israel  
Francis **Barr**, United Kingdom  
Yann **Barrandon**, Switzerland  
Françoise **Barré-Sinoussi**, France  
Facundo **Batista**, United Kingdom  
Simon **Boulton**, United Kingdom  
Søren **Brunak**, Denmark  
Julia Promisel **Cooper**, United Kingdom  
Patrick **Cramer**, Germany  
Geneviève **de Saint Basile**, France  
Liam **Dolan**, United Kingdom  
Richard **Durbin**, United Kingdom  
Martin **Embley**, United Kingdom  
Tariq **Enver**, United Kingdom  
Elizabeth **Fisher**, United Kingdom  
Jonathan **Flint**, United Kingdom  
Margaret **Frame**, United Kingdom  
Marcos **González-Gaitán**, Switzerland  
Iain **Hagan**, United Kingdom  
Nicholas P. **Harberd**, United Kingdom  
Bassem **Hassan**, Belgium  
Ronald **Hay**, United Kingdom  
Liisa **Holm**, Finland  
Brigitte **Kieffer**, France  
Thomas **Lecuit**, France  
Ben **Luisi**, United Kingdom  
Vivek **Malhotra**, Spain  
Richard **Marais**, United Kingdom  
Oscar **Marín**, Spain  
Seamus **Martin**, Ireland  
Jane **Mellor**, United Kingdom  
Axel **Meyer**, Germany  
Victor **Muñoz**, Spain  
Andrea **Musacchio**, Italy  
James H. **Naismith**, United Kingdom

Anne **O'Garra**, United Kingdom  
Stephen **O'Rahilly**, United Kingdom  
Roger **Patient**, United Kingdom  
David **Porteous**, United Kingdom  
Catherine **Rabouille**, Netherlands  
Minoo **Rassoulzadegan**, France  
Jean-Marc **Reichhart**, France  
William **Schafer**, United Kingdom  
Dirk **Schübeler**, Switzerland  
Stephen **Smerdon**, United Kingdom  
Christopher **Smith**, United Kingdom  
Anne **Spang**, Switzerland  
Ernst H. K. **Stelzer**, Germany  
Michael **Stratton**, United Kingdom  
Nektarios **Tavernarakis**, Greece  
Dan S. **Tawfik**, Israel  
Didier **Trono**, Switzerland  
Laura **van 't Veer**, Netherlands  
Gisou **Van der Goot**, Switzerland  
Pierre **Vanderhaeghen**, Belgium  
Dietmar **Vestweber**, Germany  
Andrew Paul **Waters**, United Kingdom  
Robert J. **White**, United Kingdom  
Marat **Yusupov**, France

#### **NEW ASSOCIATE MEMBERS 2009**

Bruce **Beutler**, US  
Uta **Francke**, US  
Fred **Gage**, US  
Keiichi **Namba**, Japan  
Andreas **Strasser**, Australia  
Masatoshi **Takeichi**, Japan



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#### About EMBO

The European Molecular Biology Organization (EMBO) promotes excellence in molecular life sciences in Europe by recognizing and fostering talented scientists. Since 1964, leading scientists are elected annually to become EMBO Members based on proven excellence in research. Members number more than 1,400 today. Fifty scientists from the EMBO membership have received the Nobel Prize.

Leading peer-reviewed journals – *The EMBO Journal*, *EMBO reports* and *Molecular Systems Biology* – span a broad spectrum of topics of molecular biology and reflect how science is shaping the world. A new journal, *EMBO Molecular Medicine*, publishes original research offering molecular insight into the cellular and systemic processes underlying human disease.

EMBO funding, training and networking activities impact thousands of scientists every year, promoting collaboration in all areas of molecular biology – within its 27 member states, in Europe and neighbouring countries, and worldwide.

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