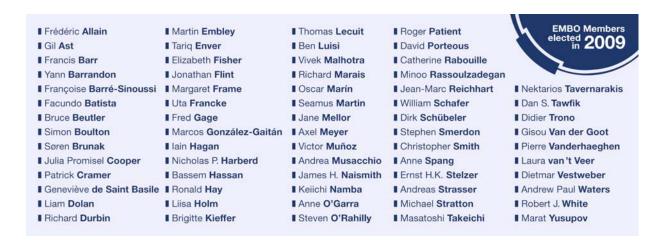
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# EMBO welcomes 66 leading life scientists as members



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 Steven **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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