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## Outstanding life scientists elected to the EMBO Membership

### Sixty-nine new members join the community of leading life scientists in Europe and beyond

Sixty new EMBO Members and nine EMBO Associate Members have been elected to the EMBO Membership in recognition of their outstanding achievements. They have demonstrated research excellence in their fields, ranging from RNA to plant biology, and from epidemiology to molecular medicine. Through this lifelong honour, new members become part of a community of more than 2,100 life scientists across Europe and around the world.

EMBO Director Fiona Watt says: “A major strength of EMBO lies in the excellence and dedication of its members. Science thrives on global collaboration, and the annual election of the new EMBO Members and Associate Members brings fresh energy and inspiration to our community. We are honoured to welcome this remarkable group of scientists to the EMBO Membership. Their ideas and contributions will enrich the organization and help advance the life sciences internationally.”

EMBO was founded in 1964 and is a membership organization. Its members help shape the future direction of life sciences by actively participating in EMBO initiatives. They serve on EMBO Council and Committees, editorial boards of EMBO Press journals, and review funding applications. Each year, new members are selected through nomination and election by the existing EMBO Membership. The process ensures the representation of diverse research fields responds to emerging trends.

The 60 new EMBO Members in 2025 are based in 18 member states of the EMBC, the intergovernmental organization that funds the main EMBO Programmes and activities. The nine new EMBO Associate Members are based in six countries outside Europe. In total, 29 (42%) of the new members are women and 40 (58%) are men.

The new members will be formally welcomed at the next EMBO Members’ Meeting in Heidelberg, Germany, on 22-24 October 2025. A directory listing every member with affiliation and subject area is available [online](#).

### EMBO Members 2025

Abena S. Amoah	Leiden, NL
Fredrik Bäckhed	Göteborg, SE
Christoph Bock	Vienna, AT
Laura Cancedda	Genoa, IT
Eero Castrén	Helsinki, FI
Ibrahim Cissé	Freiburg, DE

Barbara Conradt	London, UK
Ana Cvejic	Copenhagen, DK
Marie Delattre	Lyon, FR
Ana I. Domingos	Oxford, UK
Magdalena Dziembowska	Warsaw, PL
Abdel El Manira	Stockholm, SE
Valentina Emiliani	Paris, FR
Christian Fankhauser	Lausanne, CH
Utz Fischer	Würzburg, DE
Monika Fuxreiter	Padua, IT
Martin Giurfa	Paris, FR
Mathilde Grelon	Versailles, FR
Edouard Hannezo	Klosterneuburg, AT
Wolf-Dietrich Hardt	Zurich, CH
Tibor Harkany	Vienna, AT
Julian M. Hibberd	Cambridge, UK
Matthew K. Higgins	Oxford, UK
Paulien Hogeweg	Utrecht, NL
Manuel Irimia	Barcelona, ES
Gábor Juhász	Szeged, HU
Steffen Jung	Rehovot, IL
Ralf Jungmann	Munich, DE
Arne Klungland	Oslo, NO
Gijsje Koenderink	Delft, NL
Jan Konvalinka	Prague, CZ
Mart Krupovic	Paris, FR
Riitta Lahesmaa	Turku, FI
Mart Loog	Tartu, EE
Rosa Lozano-Durán	Tübingen, DE

Christian Lüscher	Geneva, CH
Taija Mäkinen	Helsinki, FI
Eran Meshorer	Jerusalem, IL
Gaia Novarino	Klosterneuburg, AT
Andrew C. Oates	Lausanne, CH
Elisa Oricchio	Lausanne, CH
Martin Pilhofer	Zurich, CH
Clemens Plaschka	Vienna, AT
Pavel Plevka	Brno, CZ
Magdalini Polymenidou	Zurich, CH
Cristina Pujades	Barcelona, ES
Caroline Relton	London, UK
Jody Rosenblatt	London, UK
Maike Sander	Berlin, DE
Anne Schaefer	Cologne, DE
Oren Schuldiner	Rehovot, IL
Eilon Shani	Tel Aviv, IL
Bärbel Stecher	Munich, DE
Yonatan Stelzer	Rehovot, IL
Szymon Świeżewski	Warsaw, PL
Abdou Rachid Thiam	Paris, FR
Tõnis Timmusk	Tallinn, EE
Yves Van de Peer	Ghent, BE
Assaf Vardi	Rehovot, IL
Nadine Vastenhouw	Lausanne, CH

#### **EMBO Associate Members 2025**

Peter Currie	Melbourne, AU
Caixia Gao	Beijing, CN

Bon-Kyoung Koo	Daejeon, KR
Andrew W. Murray	Cambridge, US
David Pellman	Boston, US
Uma Ramakrishnan	Bangalore, IN
Libo Shan	Ann Arbor, US
Yue Wan	Singapore, SG
Feng Zhang	Cambridge, US

## About EMBO

### EMBO stands for excellence in life sciences

EMBO is an organization of more than 2,100 leading researchers that promotes excellence in the life sciences in Europe and beyond. The major goals of the organization are to support talented researchers at all stages of their careers, stimulate the exchange of scientific information, and help build a research environment where scientists can achieve their best work.

EMBO helps young scientists to advance their research, promote their international reputation and ensure their mobility. Courses, workshops, lectures and EMBO Press publications disseminate the latest research and offer training in techniques to maintain high standards of excellence in research practice. EMBO helps to shape science policy by seeking input and feedback from our communities and by following closely the trends in science. For more information visit: [embo.org](http://embo.org)

## About EMBO Membership

The EMBO Membership is a community of more than 2,100 EMBO Members and Associate Members. Election as a member recognizes research excellence and outstanding achievements, and membership is a lifelong honour. EMBO Members guide the execution of all EMBO Programmes and activities by serving on EMBO Council, Committees and Advisory Editorial Boards, and review applications for funding. EMBO Associate Members, who reside outside Europe, add a global perspective to the current activities and future directions of the organization.

By participating in the work of EMBO, the members collectively influence the direction of science and strengthen research communities in Europe and beyond. An annual election process ensures that the EMBO Membership continues to represent a broad range of research fields and adapts to emerging trends.