

Prof Richard Harvey elected to the prestigious European Molecular Biology Organisation



The European Molecular Biology Organization (EMBO) has recognized fifty-nine leading life scientists from around the world for their proven excellence in research and the Victor Chang Cardiac Research Institute's (VCCRI) Professor Richard Harvey is one of them.

Membership is a life-long honour with new members nominated and elected annually by existing members. The EMBO, established in 1964 has a membership of more than 1300 with a further 80 associate members worldwide and includes some of the leading researchers in Europe representing a highly dynamic cross-section of the life sciences community. The organisation elects new members annually on the basis of proven excellence in research.

Forty-eight scientists from the EMBO membership have received the Nobel Prize and others have strong links with industry.

Prof Richard Harvey, Deputy Director of the Victor Chang Cardiac Research Institute, is the seventh Australian to be bestowed this honour. A Fellow of the Australian Academy of Sciences and Sir Peter Finley Professor of Cardiac Research, University of New South Wales, Professor Harvey is widely regarded as one of the foremost authorities on heart development and congenital heart diseases. Indeed, only this week his laboratory working in collaboration with several other leading heart development groups in Australia, the US, and Germany reported in the leading journal, *Developmental Cell*, the unexpected finding that the fetal heart has enormous regenerative potential – a finding that has major implications for how we might view regenerative potential in the adult heart after heart attack and heart failure.

Professor Robert Graham, Executive Director of the VCCRI, said it was an enormous honour for Richard Harvey to be recognised by such a prestigious body as the European Molecular Biology Organisation.



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