



Media Statement

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Top LEI medical scientist appointed to prestigious national body

Professor Mariapia Degli-Esposti has joined an elite group of medical scientists with her election as a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Health and Medical Sciences (AAHMS), [announced today](#).

The AAHMS provides impartial leadership on health and medical research in Australia, mentors the next generation and provides a forum for discussion about progress on medical research.

Professor Degli-Esposti is internationally recognised as a viral immunologist. She is Director of Research at the Lions Eye Institute (LEI) and her Experimental Immunology group is unique in the world with a research focus on cellular and molecular interactions that occur in response to viral infection. She is also a NMHRC Principal Research Fellow at UWA.

Professor Degli-Esposti now joins a small but illustrious group of Western Australian AAHMS members, including Nobel Laureate Professor Barry Marshall, WA Chief Scientist Professor Peter Klinken, Professor Fiona Stanley, Professor Fiona Wood and LEI Managing Director Professor David Mackey.

“I am delighted Mariapia has been elected an Academy Fellow,” Professor Mackey said.

“This is very well-earned recognition of the work being done here in Western Australia through the LEI and UWA.”

In other AAHMS news, Professor Mackey has been elected Chair of the WA branch and Perth will host the Academy's national meeting next year.

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Image: Professor Mariapia Degli-Esposti