

**CDB Director elected associate member of EMBO**

*May 25, 2016*– Hiroshi Hamada, director of the RIKEN Center for Developmental Biology, has been elected as an Associate Member of the European Molecular Biology Organization (EMBO) following this year's membership elections, an honor reserved for a small number of leading scientists residing outside Europe in recognition of their contributions to research in the life sciences. Electing associate members outside Europe is also intended to highlight the importance of interacting with scientists on an international scale.



CDB Director Hiroshi Hamada

EMBO is an organization of more than 1,700 leading researchers that promotes excellence in the life sciences. 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 European research environment where scientists can achieve their best work. New EMBO members are nominated and elected annually by existing EMBO members in recognition of their contributions to scientific excellence.

This year, 50 researchers residing in Europe and eight residing outside Europe were elected as new EMBO members and associate members, respectively.