

EU wine researchers to gain expertise in Australia

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Eleven European wine scientists will share their expertise with the Australian Wine Research Institute in Adelaide as part of a major European Union-funded exchange program.



A consortium of 13 members of the Oenoviti International network of grape and wine research organisations, including the AWRI, has received A\$1.4 million (€874,000) in funding to allow 39 wine researchers from the EU to spend a total of 190 months at industry organisations around the world.

Participating countries including Argentina, Italy, South Africa, Chile, France, Spain and Australia will host the placements between 2019 and 2023.

The program aims to enhance collaborative networks, facilitate knowledge sharing and build personal relationships within the international grape and wine research community, resulting in enduring benefits for the people and organisations involved and for global wine producers.

The AWRI is based in Adelaide, South Australia, which is responsible for half of Australia's wine production and about 80 per cent of Australia's premium wine.

AWRI Managing Director Dan Johnson said 11 researchers from France, Portugal and Spain were expected to spend time in Adelaide, which is also a Great Wine Capital, as part of this international exchange program.

"The AWRI is delighted to be part of this successful bid," Dr Johnson said.

"AWRI scientists look forward to sharing their knowledge and learning from the high calibre visiting researchers."

Oenoviti International is a network dedicated to research excellence and education in viticulture and oenology. The network includes more than 55 partners around the world and is coordinated by the University of Bordeaux – Institut des Sciences de la Vigne et du Vin.

Program co-ordinator, Prof. Pierre-Louis Teissedre said the success of the funding application demonstrated the strength of international research networks such as Oenoviti International.

"When grape and wine scientists from around the world work together and share their expertise and knowledge, there are positive outcomes for all wine-producing countries," he said.



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