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The Australian Wine
Research Institute

Major grant supports international grape and wine researcher exchange

A consortium of members of the Oenoviti International network of grape and wine research organisations has received a major EU-sponsored grant for international researcher exchange.

Thirty-nine grape and wine researchers from the EU will be funded to spend time on sabbatical at either industry organisations in the EU or at relevant research institutions in New World wine-producing companies, thanks to the more than EUR 874,000 grant from the EU. These placements will 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 successful funding application was made jointly by thirteen partner organisations across the EU and the New World, all members of the Oenoviti International network.

Program coordinator, Prof. Pierre-Louis Teissedre from the University of Bordeaux - Institut des Sciences de la Vigne et du Vin said "The success of this funding application demonstrates 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."

Managing Director of the Australian Wine Research Institute (AWRI), one of the New World research organisations involved in the consortium, Dr Dan Johnson said "The AWRI is delighted to be part of this successful bid. Around 11 EU researchers from France, Portugal and Spain are expected to spend time at the AWRI in Adelaide, Australia as part of this international exchange program. AWRI scientists look forward to sharing their knowledge and learning from the high calibre visiting researchers."

The international placements will take place across 2019 to 2023.

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Oenoviti International is a network dedicated to research excellence and education in viticulture and oenology. It aims to foster exchange of know-how and expertise between actors in the wine world. It promotes synergy through intensive collaboration, including transferable skills development with successful network partners, which have international renown in the fields of 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 (France). Website: <https://www.oenoviti.com/>

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