

Biosciences Professor recognised for excellence in research

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Professor Gurdyal Besra (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/biosciences/staff/profile.aspx?ReferenceId=4298&Name=professor-gurdyal-besra>). Bardrick Professor of Microbial Physiology and Chemistry in the School of Biosciences, is among 44 researchers from across the UK who have been recognised for their contribution to the advancement of medical science by election to the Fellowship of the Academy of Medical Sciences.



Academy Fellows are elected for excellence in medical research, for innovative application of scientific knowledge or for their conspicuous service to healthcare. The expertise of the new Fellows spans pharmacology, cell biology, biomedical engineering, childhood cancers, suicide prevention and international health.

Professor Besra's team have contributed over the past several years in understanding the characteristics of the cell wall of TB, which has been the site of action of a number of front-line TB agents.

The independent Academy of Medical Sciences promotes advances in medical science and campaigns to ensure these are translated into benefits for patients. The Academy's Fellows are the United Kingdom's leading medical scientists from hospitals, academia, industry and the public service. Further details may be obtained from The Academy of Medical Sciences, 41 Portland Place, London W1B 1QH. Tel: 020 3176 2183 <http://www.acmedsci.ac.uk> (<http://www.acmedsci.ac.uk/>)