

Paul Zimmet

Paul Zimmet is Director Emeritus, Baker IDI Heart and Diabetes Institute, Adjunct Professor, Monash and Pittsburgh Universities and an Honorary President of the International Diabetes Federation (IDF). He has an outstanding international record in diabetes and obesity research, particularly in epidemiology and public health. His research has been a major trigger in predicting and then charting the evolving global type 2 diabetes epidemic. He has published over 800 papers in peer reviewed journals. He has been listed recently in the Thomson Reuters “Worlds-most-influential-scientific-minds-2014” as only one of only seven Australians of the 400 scientists in the “Clinical Medicine” category.

His many international and national awards include the Kelly West and Harold Rifkin Medals (American Diabetes Association), the IDF Lilly Award, the Banting Award (Diabetes UK), the Kellion Award (Australia) and the Global Novartis Award for long standing contributions in the field of diabetes that have had a major impact. In 2010, he received the Grand Hamdan International Prize for Medical Sciences. In 2013, he was made a Member of the Spanish Royal National Academy of Medicine and was awarded the Peter Wills Medal from Research Australia. This recognises an Australian who has made an outstanding contribution to building Australia’s international reputation in the area of health and medical research. He has recently been appointed as Co-chair of the Federal

Government's National Diabetes Strategy Advisory Committee to develop a new diabetes strategy for the nation. He holds Honorary Doctorates from the Complutense University (Spain), Monash University (Melbourne) and Tel Aviv University (Israel). He is an Officer of the Order of Australia (AO) for distinguished services to medicine, nutrition, and the biotechnology industry.