

HONORARY MEMBER AWARD



The ESA's Honorary Member Award is given to a distinguished ecologist who has made exceptional contributions to ecology and whose principal residence and site of ecological research are outside of North America. There are a maximum of 20 Honorary Members at any one time. This year Dr. Richard Shine of the University of Sydney has been recognized as a new honorary member of ESA.

Professor Shine is internationally recognized as a leading authority on the ecology and evolutionary biology of reptiles and amphibians, and the leading authority on the ecology of Australian reptiles.

He is undoubtedly among the most eminent scholars in his field of study in any worldwide comparison. This eminence has been recognized by a host of awards from national and international scientific societies, as well as by his election to the Australian Academy of Science. An amazing thing about Rick's research record in ecology is the breadth of topics in which he has made fundamental contributions including, just to name a few—the evolution of viviparity, the evolution of life history traits, phenotypic plasticity, reproductive mode, effort, and frequency, sex determination, and conservation biology. In each of these areas, and another 10, Rick has produced a huge body of work that has critically tested long-held views and, in many cases, changed the way people think.

