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LONDON - The UK's Royal Society has announced the election of its new Fellows for 2002. Among them are the cloning pioneer Ian Wilmut of the Roslin Institute, who gave the World 'Dolly the sheep' and has since been a vocal spokesperson on the rational side of the cloning debate. Also elected from Scotland are Nicholas Hastie and David Lilley. Nicholas Hastie, director of the MRC Human Genetics Unit, Edinburgh, has worked for many years on the genetics of pediatric diseases, most recently on Wilms' tumor. He was also a member of the UK Government's human genome working party. David Lilley at Dundee University works on nucleic acid structure and function, particularly ribozymes.

Developmental genetics is well represented among the new Fellows. Allan Bradley, director of the Wellcome Trust Sanger Institute, developed a system for using embryonic stem cells to generate specific alterations in the mouse germline. Philip Ingham works at the University of Sheffield on developmental signaling pathways in *Drosophila* and zebrafish. He is currently chairman of the British Society for Developmental Biology.

Another new fellow, John Kilmartin, has made a significant contribution to the understanding of yeast mitosis. His single-minded dedication to the problem of the yeast spindle has elucidated many aspects of the structure, as well as resulting in widely used reagents such as the 'Kilmartin' monoclonal antibody against tubulin.

Hubert Markl, President of the Max Planck Society and an influential figure in European science policy, is among the Foreign Members.

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