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Dr Phillip Urquijo wins 3M Eureka Prize for Emerging Leader in Science

Dr Urquijo has been awarded the 3M Eureka Prize for Emerging Leader in Science for leadership on the Belle II project, which includes collaboration with 99 organisations from 23 different countries.

As Physics Coordinator of Belle II, Dr Urquijo has a tough job; not only does he overseee the 600+ physicists working on the experiment, his role is to shape and define the entire physics analysis program.

Urquijo says *"It's an honour to receive this prestigious award, which reflects the interest in Belle II and calibre of its research program – a huge global effort of 650 collaborators. Including my group in Melbourne, which plays key roles supported by the ARC."*

Nicknamed the 'Oscars of Australian science,' these awards recognise researchers, leaders and communicators breaking new ground in their fields and inspiring those around them to follow suit.

Kim McKay AO, Executive Director and CEO of the Australian Museum said *"I congratulate Dr Urquijo on his amazing achievements to date and for being a leader in international physics. His fast track on such a major international project is a great credit to his talents, as this role would usually fall to a more senior scientist."*

Urquijo is helping build Australian's position in the field of particle physics, with the aim of making us a hub for particle physics in the Asian region. He is building a team of researchers to be leaders in the years to come.

Urquijo has been described as one of the best experimental particle physicists of his generation; his contributions to the field were acknowledged by the International Union of Pure and Applied Physics (IUPAP) young scientist prize in 2012.

About CoEPP

The ARC Centre of Excellence for Particle Physics at the Terascale (CoEPP) is a collaborative research venture between the Universities of Adelaide, Melbourne, Sydney and Monash. Our research looks at some of the fundamental questions in science and our scientists are foundation members of the ATLAS experiment at the Large Hadron Collider at CERN.

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