

Professor Paul Zimmet AO is Professor of Diabetes, Monash University, Honorary President, International Diabetes Federation and Co-Principal Investigator of the Global CoviDiab Registry, a joint project with King's College London. An international leader in the field of diabetes for 40 years, Paul's research in the 1980s predicted the current global epidemic of Type 2 diabetes. He founded the International Diabetes Institute in Melbourne in 1984, the first institute in Australia to target diabetes. His legacy is entrenched in numerous humanitarian programs advocating for healthier lifestyles to prevent diabetes and its complications. He was the 2018 Victorian Senior Australian of the Year. He has published more than 1000 research papers and has been named one of the world's most influential scientific minds. He is listed in the top 10 diabetes researchers for global impact. He conceived the idea to establish the Global CoviDiab Registry. The registry is recording new cases of diabetes linked to the Covid-19 pandemic and following their longer term outcomes.