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Professor Ben Adler is the Director of the Australian Research Council Centre of Excellence in Structural and Functional Microbial Genomics and he holds a Personal Chair in the Department of Microbiology at Monash University.

He is recognised internationally for his work on bacterial pathogens, especially *Leptospira* and other spirochaetes, *Pasteurella* and *Shigella*. His area of scientific expertise is in the application of genomics to elucidate molecular mechanisms of bacterial pathogenesis and in immunity to bacterial infection and vaccine development, areas in which he has a total of approximately 200 publications.

He is, since 1986, a member of the Subcommittee on the Taxonomy of *Leptospira* of the International Union of Microbiological Societies and an executive member of the International Leptospirosis Society. He is also co-convenor (with Professor Paul Hertzog) of the Monash Infection and Immunity Network.