Dr. Vincent Di Lollo is a global leader in cognitive and neural science.

Born in Italy and raised in Australia as a refugee of World War II, Dr. Di Lollo distinguished himself as a scholar early on—first winning a scholarship to study psychology at the University of Western Australia and then a Fulbright Fellowship to work at the Universities of Michigan, Indiana and Princeton. He moved to Canada in 1975 and has received continuous funding from the National Science and Engineering Research Council ever since. In fact, his current NSERC grant will fund his research until 2024—when he will be 94 years old!

Dr. Di Lollo has made it his life’s work to study the fascinating cognitive processes that underlie our ability to perceive things in the physical world around us. He has been advancing ground-breaking theories of visual perception both in the lab and lecture halls, and mentoring students and fellow scientists from around the world. The American Psychological Society credits his cutting-edge information-processing model with helping to trigger significant changes in the direction of psychological research in the 20th century.

Dr. Di Lollo has helped shape national science policy and has enhanced Canada’s scientific prominence on the world stage. In addition to eight years on grant-selection committees within NSERC, he served as President of the Canadian Society for Brain, Behaviour, and Cognitive Science and Editor of the Canadian Journal of Psychology. His scientific achievements and public service have earned several honours, including election to Fellowship of the Royal Society of Canada and an honorary degree from the University of Lethbridge.

In recognition of his transformative contributions to the field of psychology, and his life-long commitment to scientific advocacy and excellence, Vincent Di Lollo is conferred the degree Doctor of Science, honoris causa.