Princess of the twin set
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Her Royal Highness Crown Princess Mary of Denmark will become the patron of the Australian and Danish Twin Registries.

Based at the University of Melbourne, the Australian Twin Registry was established in 1981 and conducts medical and scientific studies on health, disease and aging.

Australian Twin Registry director Prof John Hopper said as the Crown Princess was a mother of twins Christian and Isabella, she would make a fantastic ambassador.

"We are extremely thrilled about the announcement and hope the Crown Princess' patronage will raise awareness of the importance of twin research on a range of health issues, from cancer to diabetes," he said.

More than 35,000 pairs of twins are members of the Registry, making it one of the largest volunteer registries of its kind in the world.