

NanoTOES
12th month project meeting
Barcelona, October 27-28, 2011
Program and Useful Info

Day 1 (Thursday 27)

- 9.30 - 10.00 Welcome/Intro and project progress report (by Albert Duschl) (30min)
10.00 - 10.20 Fellow talk (15+5 min): Matthew Boyles (PLUS)
10.20 - 10.40 Fellow talk (15+5 min): Mun Li Yam (ACS)
10.40 - 11.00 Fellow talk (15+5 min): Paul Schlinkert (PLUS)
11.00 - 11.20 Coffee break
11.20 - 12.00 Seminar by Pere Puigdomenech (scientific ethic, academic integrity) (40min)
12.00 - 12.40 Seminar by Carme Plasencia (relation between research and industry) (40min)
12.40 - 13.00 Fellow talk (15+5 min): Yang Li (CNR)
13.00 - 13.20 Fellow talk (15+5 min): Abdul Shah (Fraunhofer)
13.20 - 15.20 Lunch (on-site at CERC, buffet style) + walk to UB
15.20 - 15.40 Fellow talk (15+5 min): Bogumila Reidy (UCD)
15.40 - 16.00 Fellow talk (15+5 min): Carolin Schultz (NERC)
16.00 - 16.20 Fellow talk (15+5 min): Anna Huk (NILU)
16.20 - 17.00 web training for fellows (40 min) / MC and SB meeting (40 min)
17.20 - 18.00 web training for PIs (40min)
17.00 - 18.00 Coffee break (extended over the last meeting)

18.30 Departure from the UB building
(Please gather at the gallery/alley near the B2 room, where the talks took place)
19.00 Arrival to the CaixaForum: see, walk, enjoy, talk, discuss!
20.00 Departure from the CaixaForum, walk through MNAC and the Montjuic
20.30 Arrival to La Font del Gat: NanoTOES group dinner (ICN invitation)

Morning takes place at CERC, but the afternoon is at UB (multiple rooms, computer room). The time reserved for lunch is enough for the short walk between CERC and UB (see map and more info about venues at the end). Please note that the UB has also several open/gallery spaces where people can spend free time and relax/talk.

As you see, we have planned a little excursion plus a dinner for Thursday night.
We hope you enjoy it!

Day 2 (Friday 28)

- 9.20 - 9.40 Fellow talk (15+5 min): Murali Kumarasamy (IEM-HAS)
9.40 - 10.00 Fellow talk (15+5 min): Ngoc Tran (ICN)
10.00 - 10.20 Fellow talk (15+5 min): Linda Stöhr (Grimm)
10.20 - 10.40 Fellow talk (15+5 min): Emilia Izak (Bayer)
10.40 - 11.10 Career development talk + intro to PIs talks (by Diana Boraschi) (30min)
11.10 - 11.30 Coffee break
11.30 - 11.55 PI talk (20+5 min): Albert Duschl (PLUS)
11.55 - 12.20 PI talk (20+5 min): Colin Wilde (ACS)
12.20 - 12.45 PI talk (20+5 min): Diana Boraschi (CNR)
12.45 - 13.10 PI talk (20+5 min): Yvonne Kohl (Fraunhofer)
13.10 - 13.35 PI talk (20+5 min): Iseult Lynch (UCD)
13.35 - 14.55 Lunch (on-site, buffet style)
14.55 - 15.20 PI talk (20+5 min): Claus Svendsen (NERC)
15.20 - 15.45 PI talk (20+5 min): Maria Dusinska (NILU)
15.45 - 16.10 PI talk (20+5 min): Stefanie Eiden (Bayer)
16.10 - 16.35 PI talk (20+5 min): Emília Madarász (IEM-HAS)
16.35 - 16.50 Coffee break
16.50 - 17.15 PI talk (20+5 min): Víctor Puentes (ICN)
17.15 - 17.40 PI talk (20+5 min): Linda Stöhr (Grimm)
17.40 - 18.05 PI talk (20+5 min): Michael Riediker (IST)
18.05 - 18.30 Closing of the meeting

All takes place at CERC.

Dr. Pere Puigdomenech



Dr. Puigdomenech is a research fellow at the Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas (CSIC – Advanced Centre for Scientific Research) and Director of the Centre d’Investigació en Agrigenòmica (CRAG – Centre for Research in Agrigenomics). Specialising in the molecular biology of plants, he is an expert on issues concerning security in the consumption of genetically modified vegetables. He has a degree in Physics from the University of Barcelona, a Ph.D. in Science from the Montpellier and another in Biology from the Autonomous University of Barcelona. He has published numerous popular science articles for a range of national and international newspapers and reviews. He is a member of the European Group on Ethics in Science and New Technologies and of the National Biosecurity Commission besides being president of the CSIC Ethics Committee.

Dr. Carme Plasencia



Dr. Plasencia is currently the Chief Executive Officer of AROMICS, a Barcelona-based biotechnology company that specialises in functional genomics and proteomics technologies and their applications. Ms. Plasencia holds a Ph.D. in Medicine (2002, Universidad Autónoma de Barcelona) and a B.Sc. in Chemistry (1995, Biochemistry specialist, Universidad de Barcelona). She developed her doctoral thesis in the Laboratory of Molecular Biology at the Oncology Department of the Hospital Universitari Germans Trias I Pujol where she specialized in pre-clinical evaluation of antitumor agents and the evaluation of resistance mechanisms to chemotherapy. She later joined the Center of Research and Innovation of Catalunya (CRIC) after spending two years at the University of Southern California (California, USA) where she developed her work as Post-doctoral Research Associate at the Pharmaceutical Sciences Department of the School of Pharmacy. She is specialist in biochemistry, biomedicine, oncology and molecular biology including the application of new technologies such as proteomics and genomics in drug discovery and development. Ms. Plasencia has also been part of multidisciplinary teams engaged in R&D projects for national and international public institutions and pharmaceutical corporations.

The topic of her talk will be: "From bench to an application: Practical example of nanotechnology translation into the diagnostic sector".

Venues

CERC and UB buildings are in the old quarters of Barcelona city. Please check the following map, with links to the venues' official websites:

<http://maps.google.com/maps/ms?msid=209720465186195406473.0004a93271ae7bfe83391&msa=0>

The hotels where all participants are staying are also marked in the map. Please note that the Hotel Mesón Castilla, where most people are staying, is just around the corner from CERC. The Hotel Mesón Castilla will also be the departing point for the walk to the CNBSS dinner on Wednesday (see CNBSS workshop program).

Arrival info

How to arrive from Barcelona-El Prat (BCN) Airport to downtown Barcelona

- You can take a taxi from the airport (follow the signs to find the specific stop – you cannot hail a cab anywhere). It will cost you € 25-35 (minimum € 20 if the airport is part of the trajectory). Note there are extra fees for: airport stop/luggage, and night time (there are no tolls between the airport and downtown Barcelona). Almost all taxis can give you a ticket/receipt, but it is worth asking in advance.
- You can take the “Aerobus”, which is a bus service running from/to each of airport terminals, and whose final/departure stop is Plaça Catalunya – major city landmark and transportation hub, a few blocks away from the meeting venue and most hotels (see map). It costs € 5-6, and runs every 5-15min. Please follow the signs to find the specific stop.
- Alternatively, there is a suburban train (RENFE) from Terminal 2 departing every 30min approx., and also some public buses, although these are more inconvenient to reach the city center where the meeting venue and most hotels are. If you would like to check these options, please see:

<http://www.barcelona-tourist-guide.com/en/airport/barcelona-airport-transport.html>

How to arrive to the Hotel Mesón Castilla and CERC

If you come by taxi, the address of the hotel is Carrer Valldonzella, 8 (number 8 of Valldonzella Street). And the address of the meeting venue is Carrer Montalegre, 7 (number 7 of Montalegre Street).

If you come by Aerobus, please note that both are at walking distance from Plaça Catalunya, a major city landmark and transportation hub which is the final/initial stop for this bus (see map).

Visiting Barcelona and “safety” concerns - for our experts! :-)

For the people who are staying longer/beyond the meeting, we recommend you to check the following webpages to find things to see and things to do:

<http://www.barcelonayellow.com/>

<http://www.barcelonaturisme.com/>

You may also ask any of your local hosts during the meeting or dinners! ;-)

Regarding safety, Barcelona is in general a very safe city, and incidents, when they occur, are free from violence. Moreover, aggressive and violent behavior in the Barcelona nightlife is very rare. What is indeed a problem that you can run into is pick-pocketing and bag snatching, specially in the Ramblas area, metro and railway stations, and at the beach. In general, you should keep your wallet and other items tight in your zipped bags, and avoid leaving any belongings unattended.

For more specific advice, we recommend you to read this very practical guide of 17 tips:

<http://www.barcelonayellow.com/bcn-tourist/115-safety-barcelona-top-tips>

For guests staying at the Hotel Mesón Castilla

People staying at the Hotel Mesón Castilla have their rooms prearranged as indicated in the “Confirmed attendees list”:

http://www.inorganicnanoparticles.net/Public/nanotoes_barcelona_confirmed_attendees.pdf

Mentioning your name is enough to check-in (there is no reservation voucher). Please note that the check-in time starts at 12.30pm (a bit past noon), and the check-out time is 12pm (noon). Also that the arranged rates (for either single or double rooms) includes breakfast.

In case it is needed, the names of the people who we have been in contact with are: Jose Llopart, Amparo Bonet and Miriam Jiménez. Although they are aware of the situation, if you require a invoice made to the name of your institution, it is worth to remind them of that at the check-out, so to avoid the issuing of a wrongly addressed invoice.

In the unlikely event you run into a problem with your reservation, please call Cecilia López at (+34) 610-608-292 (mobile) or (+34) 93-586-8097 (landline).