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**“We take this opportunity to express our thanks and appreciation to all our sponsors and donors for the generous support that we received from them in 2016. They play an inherent role in our present and future successes.”**



One of the *Fundación “la Caixa’s”* main goals is to support an innovative programme aimed at fostering international

fellowships in order to attract the most outstanding students from the international arena to obtain their doctoral degrees at accredited ‘Severo Ochoa’ Centres of Excellence. This acclaimed ‘*la Caixa*’-Severo Ochoa International PhD Programme assures highly competitive standards by guiding exceptional students towards a career in oncology research; a basic principle is that the selection process is not to be limited to Spanish students only but also includes international students. During 2016, 2 pre-doctoral students received one of these internationally recognised fellowships. The *Fundación “la Caixa”* also helps finance our most prominent international conferences, the CNIO-“la Caixa” Foundation Frontiers Meetings.



*Fundación CRIS* is dedicated to the promotion and development of research with the aim of eliminating the serious health threat of

cancer. *Fundación CRIS* generously supports 4 research groups at the CNIO: the Prostate Cancer Clinical Research Unit (CRU), headed by David Olmos; the Breast Cancer CRU, headed by Miguel Quintela; and the H120-CNIO Haematological Malignancies CRU, led by Joaquín Martínez-López. These Groups focus on the translation of advances in cancer research into improvements in patient care.



The *Fundación Seve Ballesteros* is a private not-for-profit institution focused on securing, financing and promoting research projects centred on brain tumours. *Fundación Seve Ballesteros* supports the Seve Ballesteros Foundation – CNIO Brain Tumour Group, headed by Massimo Squatrito, since 2012. This Group focuses on the identification of markers for brain tumours as its principal activity.



The *Fundación Banco Santander* funds the *Banco Santander* Foundation – CNIO Fellowships for Young Researchers. These fellowships are aimed to support highly talented and motivated young scientists who trained in the UK/USA and wish to pursue their postdoctoral training at the CNIO. One young scientist, Ana Ortega, who came from the Sloan Kettering Institute for Cancer Research in New York, joined the CNIO thanks to a *Banco Santander* Foundation-CNIO Fellowship in 2016. Additionally, thanks to the support of the *Fundación Banco Santander*, a group of 3 young researchers received training on managerial and entrepreneurial skills, in collaboration with the IE Business School.



The *Fundación Marcelino Botín* and the *Banco Santander* are committed to supporting scientific research and knowledge transfer from academia to the market through science programmes; this transfer is regarded as one of the main driving forces for Spain’s economic and social development. These 2 well-recognised organisations collaborate with the CNIO in this regard by supporting the research groups led by Manuel Serrano, Maria A. Blasco and Óscar Fernández-Capetillo.



The *Fundación Jesús Serra-Catalana Occidente* continues to fund the Visiting Scientists Programme that was established to support prestigious international professors for short stays at the CNIO. The beneficiary of the *Jesús Serra* Foundation’s Visiting Scientist Award in 2016 was Patrick Sung, Professor of Molecular Biophysics and Biochemistry and of Therapeutic Radiology, Yale University School of Medicine in New Haven (USA).



AXA Research Fund (ARF), a global initiative of scientific philanthropy run by the insurance group AXA, awarded an AXA-CNIO Endowed Permanent Chair in Molecular Oncology to Mariano Barbacid as part of its 2011 call.

### OTHER SPONSORS



The Centre also benefits from generous support from private institutions, companies and foundations, as well as via external fundraising from local associations that are equally dedicated to the battle against cancer: *Fundación Juegaterapia*, *Fundación Investigación Biomédica Hospital Universitario 12 de Octubre*, *Fundación Banco Sabadell*, *Asociación Española Afectados por Sarcoma (AEAS)*, *Fressia Group*, *Compañía Logística de Hidrocarburos*, *Asociación para la Investigación y Formación Neoplásica (ASIFEN)*, *ASISA Vida*, *French Embassy*, *AVON Cosmetics S.A.*



And last but not least, we would also like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all ‘*CNIO Friends*’ donors, sponsors and benefactors who – with their generous donations to support cancer research at the CNIO – have ensured the continuation of our research endeavours throughout 2016.