

**In recognition of the research in human cancer epigenetics**

**MANEL ESTELLER, WINNER OF THE "MARIA JULIA CASTILLO"  
NATIONAL RESEARCH AWARD IN ONCOLOGY**

**Madrid, October 15 2007.-** Manel Esteller, Group Leader of Cancer Epigenetics at the Spanish National Cancer Research Centre (CNIO) has obtained the "Maria Julia Castillo" National Research Award in Oncology. The award is a recognition from the Anticancer Foundation San Francisco Javier and Santa Cándida of Granada. According to the jury committee, the prize is awarded for the discovery of the first mutation in an epigenetic gene in human cancer (HDAC2) that confers different chemosensitivity to anticancer drugs, as well as for his contribution to the promotion of the research in oncology, the scientific development of the discipline and his high quality continued research in the area. The jury committee was formed by the presidents of the Spanish Society of Medical Oncology presidentes de las (SEOM) and Oncology Radiotherapy (SEOR/AERO), the president of the Spanish Association of Cancer Research (ASEICA), two members of the Scientific Council and the Executive Director of the Foundation, and the Dean of the School of Medicine in the University of Granada. The "Maria Julia Castillo" National Research Award in Oncology will be presented to Dr Esteller on October 19th in an official ceremony in the Aula Magna of the School of Medicine in the University of Granada.