CNIO Friends

‘CNIO Friends’ is celebrating its 5th birthday with nearly €1.4 million raised from 1,350 donors over five years. The initiative, which has become a bridge connecting society to cancer research, is ready for a new, more mature stage, marked by the establishment of a Philanthropy Office. This year, ‘CNIO Friends’ raised a total of €515,000 which is our most successful year yet for the programme.

Donations to ‘CNIO Friends’ enables the Centre to hire new predoctoral and postdoctoral talent from around the world via a competitive application process. In 2019, we were delighted to recruit 4 young researchers to explore new ways of diagnosing and treating cancer: Ruben Martínez joined the Kinases, Protein Phosphorylation and Cancer Group; María Moreno joined the Genome Integrity and Structural Biology Group; Neïl Prieu will continue working on her projects in the Brain Metastasis Group; and Sarita Saraswat joined the Telomeres and Telomerase Group.

For the second year in a row, we organised CNIO Arte, an initiative supported by Banco Santander Foundation to connect internationally renowned artists and scientists and invite them to explore common ground together. Each year, the exploration results in a unique artwork, which is then sold to fund the hiring of scientists through the ‘CNIO Friends’ Programme. In its 2nd edition, CNIO Arte was curated by Amparo Garrido, visual artist and Coordinator of the Office of Institutional Image and Outreach to Society at CNIO. It featured quantum physicist Ignacio Cirac, winner of the Prince of Asturias Award 2006, and photographer Chema Madoz, winner of the National Photography Award 2000. Madoz created a photographic work based on Cirac’s research, which led to a series of 30 numbered and signed photo engravings. The work, presented at the ARCOmadrid Contemporary Art Fair and at the Centre de Cultura Contemporània de Barcelona (CCCB), was on display at CNIO from February to April.

In 2019, the CNIO was delighted to receive support from all over Spain. In addition, CNIO enjoyed working with a number of foundations, companies and associations to both raise awareness and raise funds for cancer research. To highlight a few examples, in February, ROSAE, an association of breast cancer patients, invited us to attend their convivial meal in Valdepeñas, Ciudad Real. In June, the Bandera Rosa association, supporting breast cancer patients and their families, held a number of activities in Campo de Gibraltar, Cádiz to raise funds for the Centre. In October, El Árbol de la Vida, an association based in Pedroñeras, Cuenca, held their 3rd Charity Race Against Cancer, drawing 3,000 participants and donating part of the funds raised to the CNIO.

In June, we invited all of our donors to join us for our annual ‘CNIO Friends’ Meeting Day. Over 100 Friends and their companions were welcomed by Scientific Director Maria Blasco, to hear the latest news and major developments at CNIO. Researchers Paula Martínez, María Moreno, Neïl Prieu and Miguel Jiménez enjoyed the opportunity to present their research projects that were made possible thanks to donations to the CNIO. Afterwards, our visitors took a tour of our labs before sitting down to a shared meal in the late afternoon.

In September 2019, CNIO established a Development and Philanthropy Office aimed at concentrating and optimising the efforts to identify and cultivate new donor relationships and continue to recognise and thank our existing supporters. The newly established office will manage the ‘CNIO Friends’ initiative and seek to build new collaborative partnerships with corporate partners, individuals and philanthropic foundations. The legacy programme continues to grow and has received a cumulative total of €888,000 since 2015. In 2019, CNIO received charitable bequests of €284,000 with €844,000 pending to be executed.

It has been an exciting and successful year for the CNIO Friends and we look forward to a whole host of innovative opportunities to collaborate with society through our new Philanthropy Office in 2020. We would like to take this opportunity to thank our donors once again for their commitment and support. The best way of demonstrating our thanks is by continuing to maintain the quality of cancer research we have been doing for the past 20 years, whilst always striving to do more. Together, let’s stop cancer.
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On June 27, 2019, we opened our doors to the community of CNIO Friends’ donors to celebrate the CNIO Friends Day and honour them for their support of cancer research.

More than 100 Friends and their companions were welcomed by Maria Blasco, who told them about the latest CNIO achievements. Researchers Paula Martínez, María Moreno, Neihla Priego and Miguel Jiménez described the four projects they are carrying out thanks to donations from CNIO Friends. Our supporters were given a lab tour and enjoyed a lunch with the researchers. Raquel Yotti, Director of Spanish Institute of Health Carlos III, under whose purview CNIO is ascribed, also attended the presentation.
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SÚMATE A LA LUCHA CONTRA EL CÁNCER
#InvestigaciónEsVida
4 DE FEBRERO - DÍA MUNDIAL DEL CÁNCER

On the occasion of World Cancer Day, CNIO and La Roche-Posay (L’Oréal Group) carried out the #InvestigaciónEsVida ['ResearchIsLife'] campaign.

Unfolding for 2 weeks in January and February, the campaign consisted of handing out CNIO leaflets in over 1,000 pharmacies across Spain and thus reaching more than 60,000 users, including customers and L’Oréal/La Roche-Posay staff. The campaign was advertised in mass media and in the L’Oréal website and social media.

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Last but not least, we would also like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all the anonymous benefactors who have donated their legacies to support cancer research at the CNIO, in doing so they have contributed to society for generations to come.

**DONATIONS TO THE CNIO**

- **2,285,000€**
  **TOTAL CNIO DONATIONS**

- **1,397,000€**
  **CNIO FRIENDS DONATIONS IN 2019**

- **515,000€**
  **TOTAL CNIO FRIENDS DONATIONS IN 2019**

- **888,000€**
  **LEGACIES**
  - 2019: 284,000€
  - 2018: 260,000€
  - 2017: 28,000€
  - 2016: 330,000€

* 840,000€ pending to be executed.