CNIO Friends Philanthropic Donations

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The CNIO Friends Programme enjoyed another successful year, in which we were able to open a competitive application process for 7 new post-doctoral researchers. We received a generous €100k donation from Fundación Domingo Martínez in honour of their 50th Anniversary in order to fully-finance one of the contracts, and received €20k from Fundación Franz Weber towards the funding of a contract focusing on alternative methods to animal models.

In all, the CNIO Friends programme raised in excess of €669k in 2021. Fundraising around the world has been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, with the financial effects felt more keenly in 2021 than 2020, especially in relation to corporate and foundation donors.

We launched our multichannel branding and fundraising World Cancer Day campaign in February, encouraging people to donate to the CNIO to help stop cancer. We were joined this year by mountaineer Edurne Pasaban, actor Carlos Hipólito, and motorcycle champion Laia Sanz, who participated in videos to spread awareness and encourage people to become friends of the CNIO.

The annual CNIO Arte initiative, now in its 4th year, showcased a collaboration between visual artist Daniel Canogar, author of exceptional artworks exhibited all around the world, and the computational biologist Sarah Teichmann, from the Wellcome Trust Sanger Institute (Cambridge, UK) and cofounder of the international project “Human Cell Atlas”. The CNIO Arte project is based on the fundamental principle that science and art are indispensable for understanding and interpreting the world and that each can inspire the other. We look forward to the opportunity to more in-person events and networking opportunities. However, people have continued to give generously and our CNIO Friends and donors have continued to demonstrate support and enthusiasm for our work, despite the difficult economic and social situation that COVID-19 has rendered for citizens and organisations alike. We look forward to the opportunity to more in-person in 2022 and will continue to develop and grow our philanthropic programme. Most importantly, we extend a heartfelt thank you to our donors for their support and give them an update on the impact of their donations. After a Centre overview from Maria Blasco, our Friends had the pleasure of hearing from Rubén Julio Martínez, Moustafa Shehata (via his group leader Iván Plaza), Sofía Cabrero, Eunjeong Kim, Magdalena Leal, María José Andreu, and Sergio Muñoz about their philanthropy-funded research projects.

Edurne Pasaban, Spanish Mountaineer and world record holder for the first woman to climb all 14 eight-thousanders, joined Maria Blasco at the end of the session to discuss her journey, why she joined CNIO Friends herself to support the campaign, and the importance of resilience and a robust mindset in overcoming obstacles.

Another pillar of philanthropy that continues to grow for the CNIO is our legacy programme. This year marks a cumulative total of around €1.33m in legacies over 7 years, with €80k received in 2021 and €528k pending to be executed.

The pandemic has meant that fundraising teams have had to think of new and innovative ways to support their causes. This year has undoubtedly been challenging without the usual opportunities to create new alliances and collaborations via events and networking opportunities. However, people have continued to give generously and our CNIO Friends and donors have continued to demonstrate support and enthusiasm for our work, despite the difficult economic and social situation that COVID-19 has rendered for citizens and organisations alike. We look forward to the opportunity to more in-person in 2022 and will continue to develop and grow our philanthropic programme. Most importantly, we extend a heartfelt thank you to our donors for their commitment to cancer research. Together, we can stop cancer. Philanthropy enables everyone to be part of the solution.
‘CNIO FRIENDS’ INTERNATIONAL PREDOCTORAL/ POSTDOCTORAL CONTRACTS

2016 POSTDOCTORAL
- Verónica Penalvá, Structural Computational Biology Group
- Paula Gómez, Genetic and Molecular Epidemiology Group
- Inés Felipe, Epithelial Carcinogenesis Group

2017 POSTDOCTORAL
- Carolina Maestre, Cell Division and Cancer Group
- Sebastián Thompson, Growth Factors, Nutrients and Cancer Group

2018 POSTDOCTORAL
- Rubén Julio Martínez, Kinases, Protein Phosphorylation and Cancer Group
- María Moreno Martínez, Genomic Instability and Cancer Group
- Nebia Priego, Brain Metastasis Group

2019 POSTDOCTORAL
- Moustafa Ahmed Shehata, Kinases, Protein Phosphorylation and Cancer Group
- Carmen González, Brain Metastasis Group

2018 PREDOCTORAL
- Elena Fueyo Marcos, Genomic Instability Group
- María Oliva, CNIO Friends

2019 PREDOCTORAL
- Moustafa Ahmed Shehata, Kinases, Protein Phosphorylation and Cancer Group
- Carmen González, Brain Metastasis Group

2020 POSTDOCTORAL
- Sofía Cabezas, Macromolecular Complexes in DNA Damage Response Group
- Sergio Halac, DNA Replication Group

2019 POSTDOCTORAL
- Rebeca Jimeno Lumeras, Breast Cancer Clinical Research Unit

2021 POSTDOCTORAL
- Liás Cerdá, Brain Division and Cancer Group
- Ana María Roncero, Breast Cancer Clinical Research Unit

2020 POSTDOCTORAL
- Eunjeong Kim, Growth Factors, Nutrients and Cancer Group
- María Magdalena Leal, Melanoma Group

2021 POSTDOCTORAL
- Federico Virgo, Experimental Oncology Group
- Yurena Vivas, Metabolism and Cell Signalling Group

2019 POSTDOCTORAL
- EVA Plaza, CNIO Friends

2021 POSTDOCTORAL
- Sergio Halac, DNA Replication Group

2021 POSTDOCTORAL
- Albert Harpaz, Growth Factors, Nutrients and Cancer Group
- Fundación Franz Weber CNIO Friends

2019 POSTDOCTORAL
- Rebeca Jimeno Lumeras, Breast Cancer Clinical Research Unit
- Eva Plaza, CNIO Friends

2021 POSTDOCTORAL
- María José Andreu, Chromosome Dynamics Group
- Fundación Domingo Martínez CNIO Friends

2019 POSTDOCTORAL
- Rebeca Jimeno Lumeras, Breast Cancer Clinical Research Unit
- Eva Plaza, CNIO Friends
‘CNIO FRIENDS’ DAY

Our CNIO Friends Meeting Day was held by zoom to thank our donors for their support and give them an update on the impact of their donations. After a Centre overview from María Blasco, our Friends had the pleasure of hearing from Rubén Julio Martínez, Moustafa Shehata (via his group leader Iván Plaza), Sofía Cabezudo, Eunjeong Kim, Magdalena Leal, María José Andreu, and Sergio Muñoz about their philanthropy-funded research projects.

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WORLD CANCER DAY CAMPAIGN

We launched our multichannel branding and fundraising campaign on World Cancer Day to build awareness of our #CNIO StopCancer initiatives and invite new donations for cancer research, with special thanks to the collaboration of our partners Exterior Plus and JCDecaux.
ART & SCIENCE JOIN FORCES THROUGH ‘CNIO ARTE’

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GENDER EQUALITY AND FUNDACIÓN SOLIDARIDAD CARREFOUR

For International Women’s Day, we hosted 30 teenage daughters of Carrefour workers for an online lab experiment. This event was an opportunity to further engage one of our donors and also to promote scientific vocations among girls to positively change the gender stereotypes that exist around science and research.
To celebrate the 20th anniversary of their breast cancer association, we visited Valdepeñas to collect Rosae’s annual donation to the CNIO.

Despite having their finances affected by the pandemic, Bandera Rosa still made their annual donation. We were invited to their new office to collect it in person.
We extend our most heartfelt thanks to all the anonymous donors and benefactors who have made philanthropic gifts or left legacies to the CNIO to support cancer research, in doing so they have contributed to society for generations to come.