

MANEL ESTELLER, PRESIDENT OF THE EPIGENETICS SOCIETY

Madrid, January 2, 2008- Manel Esteller, Head of the Cancer Epigenetics Group of the Spanish National Cancer Research Centre (CNIO), has been elected President of the Epigenetics Society as from January 1st for a two year term (2008-2009). The Epigenetics Society was created in 1994 and the object of the Society shall be to foster scientific research and education in the field of DNA methylation, histone modifications and non-coding RNAs among scientists and non-scientists. The activities of the Society includes, but are not be limited to: maintaining a directory of members; publicizing the study of epigenetic modifications to those molecular biologists not directly working in this area; organizing small meetings or sections of larger meetings; interacting with other scientific societies with overlapping interests; and setting up an electronic bulletin board for communicating information on techniques, meeting highlights, ongoing projects, abstracts from pertinent articles or articles in inaccessible journals, and short written discussions comparing different articles on a given aspect of Epigenetic research. The Epigenetics Society has five hundred active members around the world and current Board Members include Keith Robertson, Melanie Ehrlich, Bruce Richardson and Arturas Petronis, among other well known scientists.