



Dear Sir or Madam,

I am pleased to address you from the Centre for Genomic Regulation (CRG) to inform you that, during the last meeting of the Board of Trustees of our institution, Dr. Luis Serrano was appointed as the new director.

After ten years at the helm of the CRG, and thanks to the work and effort of the magnificent people and scientists who have contributed to the project, the centre has been ranked among the best Spanish and European institutions, with a pioneering and innovative management model for Spanish science. This management system, among other things, makes provision for a change of director after a maximum of ten years.

It is for this reason that approximately one year ago, the CRG began the process of finding and selecting its new director, on an international level. 13 nominations were received from around the world and the External Scientific Advisory Board of the CRG was responsible for leading the selection process, proposing the most suitable candidate to the Board of Trustees for approval and appointment. The process culminated on 29th June when the CRG Board of Trustees, appointed Dr. Luis Serrano as director.

In Dr. Serrano are combined scientific capabilities as well as management and leadership skills, qualities that will be of great help in the current global economic crisis, and which I am sure will enable him to face all future challenges in his new role as director of the CRG.

Regarding the work undertaken, I can only say that the CRG has enjoyed continued support over the years, which has allowed us to exceed our initial plans and to attract excellent scientists, from home and abroad, as we have been able to offer cutting-edge core facilities and a highly competitive environment.

Finally, I would like to openly thank all those who have made it possible for the CRG to arrive where it is today, and I hope that they will continue to work and contribute their efforts to the understanding of the complexity of life through science of excellence, with the ultimate aim of improving people's health and quality of life.

Cordially yours,

Miguel Beato
Coordinator of the Gene Regulation Programme

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