

## Welcome Address of the Spanish Proteomics Society (SEProt)

Dear colleagues,

On behalf of the Spanish Proteomics Society, it is an honour and a pleasure to receive and welcome all participants in the 4th Congress SEProt 2011 that we hold in this occasion in the Parador de Segovia. Under the title of “New Trends in Proteomics”, outstanding speakers of many countries will cover challenging topics in Proteomics. Thanks to the generous support of Bruker Daltonics, we are pleased to announce the SEProt award to the best poster presentation and to the best publication in proteomics by an investigator working in a Spanish laboratory. The possibility of recognizing the scientific excellence through this award is one of the most appreciated labours of our Society.

The SEProt has been greatly honoured by having some of the most relevant scientists in the proteomics field as Honorary Members. The first one was John Fenn, who unfortunately became a legend last year. Later on, in Pamplona, during the 3<sup>rd</sup> SEProt Congress, Michael Karas, Franz Hillenkamp and Peter Roepstorff were also nominated. In Segovia, SEProt wants to pay tribute to three scientists who have been masters for proteomists and performed a seminal work in this expanding field. Joël Vandekerckhove who developed COFRADIC a method to isolate specific families of peptides for their characterization by mass spectrometry, a method that has promoted innumerable applications; Angelika Görg who has been at the lead of developments in gel electrophoresis of proteins for more than 25 years and Pier-Giorgio Righetti, a Renaissance proteomist who pioneered the use of immobilized pH gradients and developed ProteoMiner for the *democratic* study of proteins in complex protein mixtures. It is a great privilege to have them among us as Honorary Members.

Finally, I would like to thank the huge efforts carried out by all persons who contributed to the organization of this meeting and to all of you for sharing with us three days of superb science and leisure.



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