

Welcome Address of the Organizing Committee

Dear colleagues,

On behalf of the SEPROT 2011 Segovia Congress Organizing Committee, we would like to heartily welcome to all of you attending the 4th Meeting of the Spanish Society for Proteomics held in the Parador Nacional de Segovia, Spain. We would like to thank you for your participation as presenter, exhibitor or attendee.

The congress will focus on **New Trends in Proteomics**. In spite of the complexity of the proteome, the field of proteomics has adapted itself to many biological areas where significant progress can be achieved by applying several proteomic technologies. The rapid progress in the development of a range of technologies is increasingly contributing to promote our knowledge and to prompt new questions. The title of the meeting also indicates the need for proteomics to progress beyond the identification of the building blocks of the proteome towards understanding how the complex biological functions of a cell are orchestrated via intricate protein networks.

The scientific program aims to cover the latest advances in Proteomics and includes 6 scientific sessions on outstanding subjects: **Quantitative, Structural and Computational Proteomics, Microbial Proteomics, Posttranslational modifications** and **Biomarker discovery and Validation**. **EuPA and HUPO initiatives** and **Quality Control and Standardization** are also topics to be addressed in two additional sessions. An exciting mix of invited speakers and those selected from submitted abstracts, together with poster sessions will create a fruitful scientific atmosphere during the meeting. Besides, the congress is sponsored by different companies releasing new technologies.

In addition to these challenging scientific sessions, a very attractive social program will help to fully enjoy these days in Segovia, a UNESCO World Heritage site declared for its extensive cultural and monumental heritage. Segovia has many examples of Romanesque, Gothic and Mudéjar architecture, as well as its three world-famous jewels, the Aqueduct, the Cathedral and the Alcázar. And, of course, the gastronomy is another wonderful attractive of this

city. Vegetables, lamb, suckling pig, wines of extraordinary quality can be tasted in many of the restaurants in the city.

We sincerely hope that you will join us in making the **SEPROT 2011 meeting** a great success. Together with our colleagues of the SEPROT 2011 Segovia Congress Organizing Committee, we look forward to welcoming you to the historical City of Segovia and to the **4th Congress of the Spanish Society for Proteomics**.

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