



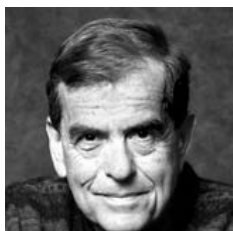
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"Prof. Eugenio de Jesús Marcano"

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Plenary Speakers Biographies



Prof. Aaron Ciechanover

Nobel prize for chemistry in 2004

Technion – Israel Institute of Technology,
Haifa - Israel

*"Intracellular protein degradation:
from a vague idea thru the lysosome
and the ubiquitin-proteasome system
and onto human diseases and drug
targeting"*

Graduated from the Hadassah Medical School, Hebrew University of Jerusalem (1972). PhD from the Technion Institute of Israel (1981) and postdoctoral studies at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (1984). Full Professor at the Dept. Biochemistry, Faculty of Medicine, Technion Institute of Israel since 1992. Nobel Laureate in Chemistry (2004) for his pioneer work on extracellular protein degradation and the role of the ubiquitin-proteasome system. He is Visiting Professor at recognized Universities all over the world.



Prof. Alejandro Cifuentes

Laboratory of Foodomics, Consejo Superior de
Investigaciones Científicas, Madrid, Spain

*"Foodomics: natural ingredients and
food in the postgenomic era"*

PhD from the University of Valladolid, Spain (1992). Head of Foodomics Laboratory. Institute of Food Science Research (CIAL). Research Council of Spain (CSIC), Madrid. He has published more than 200 scientific papers, 20 books and book chapters and 6 patents. He holds several awards and is member of the Editorial Board of several international journals. He has defined for the first time in a SCI journal the new discipline of Foodomics. His research interests include advanced analytical methods development for Foodomics, food quality and safety, as well as isolation and characterization of natural bioactive compounds.



Prof. Alessandra Braca

University of Pisa, Pisa, Italy

*"Chemical and biological studies of
plants belonging to Ecuadorian flora"*

She has a PhD at Pisa University. Associate Professor in Pharmaceutical Biology at the Department of Pharmacy, University of Pisa, and Director of the Degree Course in Herbal Sciences. She has published more than 125 papers on international journals. Her main field of research is natural products chemistry, phytochemistry, and medicinal/food plants used in folk medicine of European, Latin American, African and Asian countries. She won the Egon Stahl Award in Silver 2007 of the Society for Medicinal Plant Research (GA).



Prof. Elena Ibáñez

Laboratory of Foodomics, Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas, Madrid, Spain

"New green alternatives for the extraction of bioactives from natural sources"

PhD in Analytical Chemistry from the Autonomous University of Madrid, Spain (1993). Full Research Professor at the Institute of Food Science Research (CIAL), CSIC, Madrid, Spain. Postdoctoral studies at Brigham Young University, and University of California at Davis, USA. She has received several awards and has authored 175 scientific publications, 21 book chapters and 10 patents. Her research interests include the study and development of new extraction processes based on the use of compressed fluids to isolate bioactive compounds from natural sources such as food and agricultural by-products, plants and algae.



Prof. Ernesto Abel-Santos

University of Nevada, Las Vegas, USA

"A new strategy for the prevention of clostridium difficile infections"

Graduated from the Universidad Autónoma de Santo Domingo (1992), PhD from the University of Washington (1997) and postdoctoral studies at the Pennsylvania State University (2001). Full Professor at the University of Nevada, USA. He has authored more than 40 scientific articles and 2 patents. His research interests include techniques for evaluating spore germination and chemical probes for test binding sites of Ger receptors in spores.



Prof. Roberto Di Santo

University of Rome "La Sapienza", Italy

"Inhibiting the HIV integration process: past, present and the future"

Graduated in Chemistry, University of Rome (1986), PhD in Medicinal Chemistry, University of Rome (1990). Full Professor in Medicinal Chemistry, University of Rome. He has published more than 115 papers and patents. His present research interests are focused on chemo-therapeutic agents: in particular antivirals, antitumorals, compounds active in the CNS, and nitrogen and sulphur heterocycles. He has an extensive collaboration with Pharma Companies.



Prof. Jorge R. Alonso

Universidad de Buenos Aires, Argentina
Presidente, Sociedad Latinoamericana de
Fitomedicina

*"Primary health care: integrative
medicine and regulatory framework"*

Graduated in Medicine from the University of Buenos Aires (UBA). Director of Postgraduate Courses, Faculty of Medicine UBA. Director of courses in the Pharmaceutical College of Buenos Aires. He has published more than thirty papers. Author of the textbooks "Tratado de Fitomedicina", and "Medicinal Plants from Argentina to Primary Health Care". Guest Professor of Universities from Chile and Argentina. He was Director of the Official Program "Harvesting the Health" in Primary Health Care in Argentina (2003-2006).



Prof. Milagros T. García Mesa

University of Medical Sciences, Havana, Cuba

*"Integrating plant products into
conventional antithrombotic
treatments: a current challenge"*

PhD with postdoctoral studies at Boujon Hospital (Paris) and the School of Medicine, University of Vermont (USA). She is a Professor of Clinical Biochemistry and Pharmacology, University of Havana, and a Senior Researcher, University of Medical Sciences of Havana, Ministry of Health of Cuba. The pharmacological evaluation of natural products is her main research field. She is a reviewer of the Cuban Journals on Angiology and Vascular Surgery, and Medicinal Plants, as well as the British Journal of Pharmaceutical Research and European Journal of Medicinal Plants. She has published more than sixty articles.



Prof. Ram Reifen

Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel

*"Vitamin a deficiency syndrome - way
beyond vision"*

Graduated from the Hadassa Medical School, did his residency in Pediatrics in Jerusalem, and a dual fellowship in Pediatric Gastroenterology and Nutrition in Sick Kids Toronto, Canada. Head of the School of Nutritional Sciences, Hebrew University, is currently the Research Director of the Research Center for Nutrigenomics and Functional Foods. He has published more than 110 peer-reviewed papers and 60 students graduated from his lab. He is a member of international and national committees in nutrition and health related subjects, and is a senior consultant to the food industry and to governmental authorities. His vision is to carry out research that translates to helping alleviate malnutrition and contributes to better nutrition and health of mothers and children.