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## WELCOME TO OUR 13 PHD FELLOWS!

by Manuel Rodriguez & Rosa Barrio

It is a great pleasure for us to welcome you all to our training network on behalf of the whole UbiCODE community. You have come from all over Europe to join a very special PhD programme, which we hope will give you the tools to become successful researchers, and ultimately comprehensive group leaders.

Your integration in this H2020 project occurs at a time when the foundations and validity of the European Union itself are being questioned more than ever before. However, as Goethe once wrote, "Science and art belong to the whole world, and the barriers of nationality vanish before them." The significant contribution you will make to science as a team will be a blatant example as to why we must work together closely if we are to tackle the heavy challenges that lie ahead.

For those reasons (and many others), we urge you to make the most out of the wonderful opportunity that being a Marie Skłodowska-Curie fellow offers. These three years ahead are a learning experience that transcends the boundaries of your research field and personal interest. The program we designed aims at contributing to increasing your technical competency, but also, in a wider sense, at broadening your vision to foster exchange and innovation among the next generation of European researchers.

Dear fellows, once again, a warm welcome. We look forward to working with you over the years to come.

# ABOUT US

## AN INNOVATIVE TRAINING NETWORK

The European Commission supports competitively selected joint research training programmes, implemented by partnerships of universities, research institutions, research infrastructures, businesses, SMEs, and other socio-economic actors from different countries across Europe and beyond. As an ITN, UbiCODE aims to train a new generation of creative, entrepreneurial and innovative early-stage researchers, able to face current and future challenges of the ubiquitin system and to convert knowledge and ideas into products and services for economic and social benefit.

## AN AMBITIOUS PROJECT TO FACE NEW CHALLENGES

Post-translational modifications (PTM) by members of the Ubiquitin (Ub) family represent an efficient way to regulate almost every biological process. Defects in this homeostatic equilibrium, result in pathologies such as cancer, neurodegeneration, inflammation or multiple infections. For this reason, this research area has become very attractive for fundamental scientists as well as for the industry aiming to identify potential targets for therapeutic intervention.

The key scientific mission of the programme is to understand how protein modification with Ub/Ubls is generated (written), regulated (edited), recognised (read) and connected with effector functions (interpreted) to regulate cellular plasticity. More information [here](#).

# SAVE THE DATE !

Registration and abstract submission are now open for our 2019 Symposium. Information and registration [here](#).



**DRUGGABILITY OF THE  
UBIQUITIN SYSTEM**  
WHICH ROAD TO TAKE ?

**FEB. 27  
2019  
LISBON**



## What's been happening

Kick-Off Meeting

6-7/02/2018 - Toulouse, FR

Symposium

Ubiquitin Family and Cancer

08/02/2018 - Toulouse, FR

UbiCODE 2018 annual symposium brought together our researchers and the local scientific community, including a great number of students and young professionals.

PROTEOSTASIS Final Meeting

Proteostatic Mechanisms in Health and Disease

22-24/02/2018 - Athens, GR

UbiCODE members participated in this final meeting about the proteostatic mechanisms involved in Health and Disease.

European Researchers' night

28/09/2018 - Toulouse, FR

Our coordinator Manuel S. Rodriguez shared his research interests with an enthusiastic audience. On the programme : 5 words to describe his work to be drawn and guessed by the public!

## Upcoming events

Consortium Meeting

25-26/02/2019 - Lisbon, PT

Symposium

Druggability of the Ubiquitin System

27/02/2019 - Lisbon, PT

Training session

SUMOylation & Ubiquitylation

03/2019 - Mainz, DE

Training session

Cell biological methodology

To be confirmed - Liverpool, UK

Training session

Crosstalk between Ub family members

To be confirmed - Valencia, ES

