Oscar Llorca bio-sketch

Oscar Llorca was born on Jan 10th 1968 in Tudela, Navarre. In 1996, Oscar Llorca obtained his Ph.D. in Molecular Biology at the National Centre for Biotechnology (CNB) in Madrid under the supervision of JL Carrascosa and JM Valpuesta. At the CNB, Llorca performed influential work on the structural characterization of prokaryotic and eukaryotic chaperonins using electron microscopy. He joined the Chester Beatty Laboratories (Institute of Cancer Research, London) in 2000 as a postdoctoral scientist in the section of Cell and Molecular Biology supported by a prestigious Marie Curie Fellowship. In June 2002, Oscar Llorca became a Group Leader at the Centre for Biological Research (CIB) in Madrid, belonging to the Spanish National Research Council (CSIC). In June 2017m we became director of the Structural Biology Programme at CNIO. His group has made influential work applying cryo-EM methodologies to the study of macromolecular complexes and molecular mechanisms in DNA repair, RNA degradation and chaperons.

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