

The image shows two individuals in a laboratory setting, wearing full white protective suits and blue face shields. They are focused on their work. The person on the right is holding a pipette. The background is a clean, professional lab environment with various pieces of equipment.

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A person wearing a white protective suit and hood is working in a laboratory. The person's eyes are closed, and they are looking down at something in their hands. The background is a blurred laboratory setting with various pieces of equipment and containers.

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The winners of the first edition (November 2019) were the scientist María Vallet-Regí in the tribute award category and the GENVIP research group, which received the award for the best human healthcare project.



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Judging panel Scientific Committee

Juan José Badiola Díez, Professor of animal health and Director of the Center for Encephalopathies and Emerging Communicable Diseases of the University of Zaragoza

María Jesús Lamas, Director of the Spanish Agency for Medicines and Health Products

María Jaureguizar Redondo, Managing Director of the Vet+I foundation, a Spanish Technological Platform for Animal Health

Carlos Martín Montañés, Professor of Microbiology, Preventive Medicine and Public Health

Miguel Ángel Llamas, Doctor in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, and CEO of the Empireo company, dedicated to molecular diagnostics

Jelle Thole, founder of the scientific leadership team of the TuBerculosis Vaccine Initiative (TBVI), a Netherlands-based non-profit foundation that supports the development of new tuberculosis vaccines

Esteban Rodríguez, CEO of Biofabri (Zendal Group)

Andrés Fernández, CEO of the Zendal Group



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Animal Healthcare Award

Prize 15.000 euros

NEIKER Mycobacteria Group

The winning project has a marked innovative character by allowing better diagnosis and control of animal diseases, while changing the paradigm of the ineffectiveness of inactivated (killed) mycobacterial vaccines, showing their safety and efficacy. This opens the door to re-evaluate vaccination from the perspective of the new concept of learned immunity (trained immunity) to reduce general mortality in the first years of life and, in general, to strengthen the immune system. It is currently the only project in which a vaccine against paratuberculosis has been tested in cattle under field conditions and over a long period. The study has served to epidemiologically confirm the prediction of the theory of innate immunity learned in a domestic species other than humans.



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Human Healthcare Award

Prize 15.000 euros

Singular Center for Research in Biological Chemistry and Molecular Materials (CIQUS)

The objective of the Ciqus project is to obtain a candidate vaccine against SARS-COV-2 that can reach the phase of clinical trials. This project is based on an own innovative proprietary methodology developed in the laboratory, which allows the generation of vaccine antigens quickly and at a low cost, which provides obvious benefits.



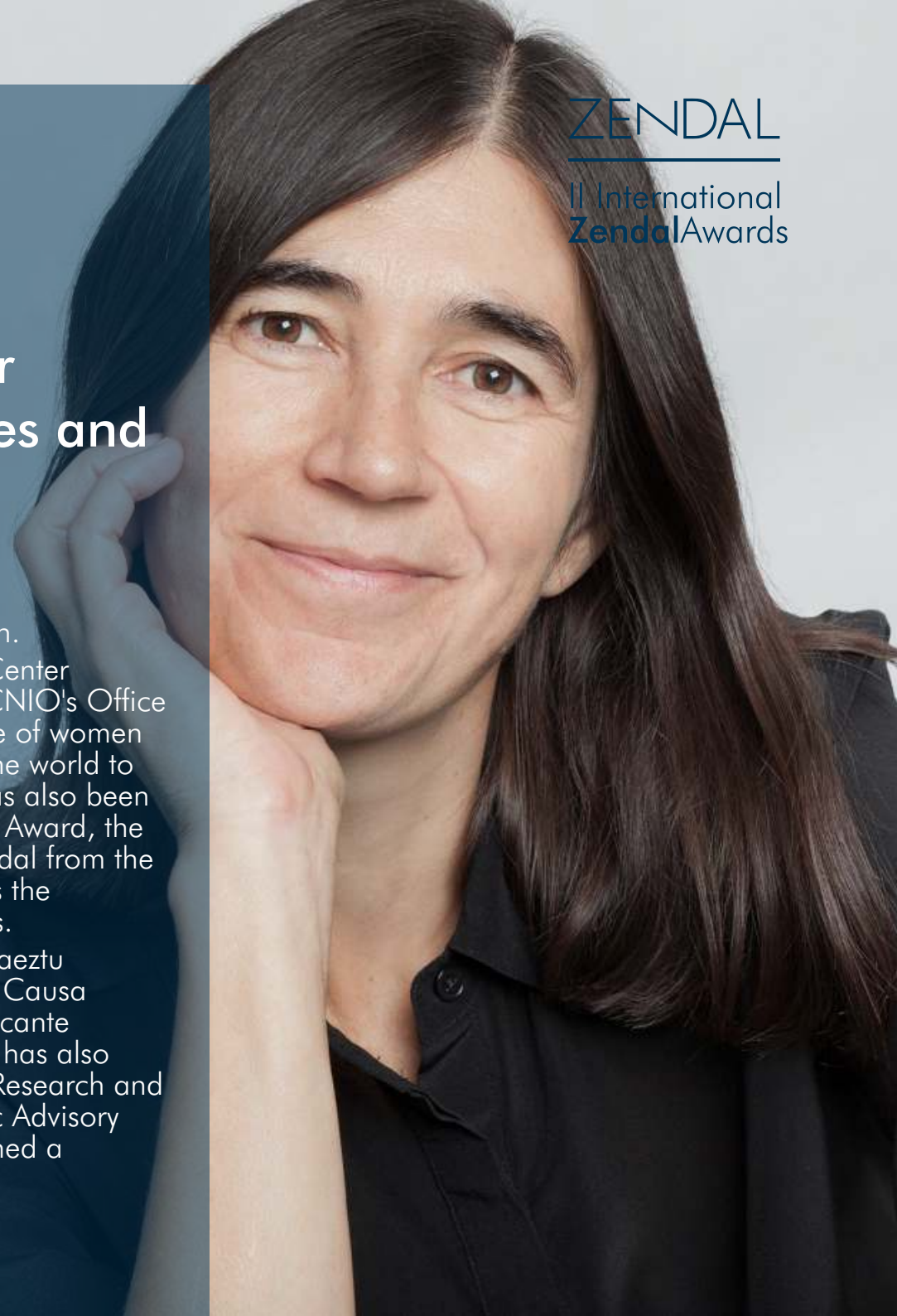
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Tribute Award

María A. Blasco, Director of the National Cancer Research Center (CNIO) and head of the Telomeres and Telomerase group

María Blasco has spent a lifetime dedicated to cancer research. Since 2011, she has directed the National Cancer Research Center (CNIO) in Spain, under whose direction she has created the CNIO's Office for Women in Science, with the aim of promoting the presence of women in research and science. She was the first scientist woman in the world to be awarded the Josef Steiner Prize for cancer research. She has also been awarded the King Jaime I Prize, the EMBO Women in Science Award, the Körber European Science Award from Germany, the Gold Medal from the European Molecular Biology Organization (EMBO), as well as the National Biology Prize Santiago Ramón y Cajal, among others.

Blasco is vice president of the Severo Ochoa and María de Maeztu Alliance of Centers (SOMMa) and has received three Honoris Causa doctorates in Spain: Carlos III University of Madrid (2014), Alicante University (2017) and Murcia University (2018). María Blasco has also been the editor of different scientific journals such as Cancer Research and the Journal of Cell Biology, and a member of several Scientific Advisory Councils in Spain and abroad. In 2020, Blasco has been named a member of the Royal Board of the Prado Museum, Madrid.



Gala Awards Ceremony

Fundación Barrié, Vigo
Thursday, 18 November 2021
19.30 h

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