

ECUSA-DC Chapter President, Dr. Alberto D. López-Muñoz, honored with the 2023 Norman P. Salzman Memorial Postdoctoral Fellow Award in Basic and Clinical Virology

ECUSA is proud to announce that Dr. Alberto D. López-Muñoz, a Postdoctoral Fellow, virologist, and immunologist at the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), National Institutes of Health (NIH), and President of the Washington-DC Chapter of the Association of Spanish Scientists in the USA (ECUSA), has been awarded the prestigious 2023 Norman P. Salzman Memorial Postdoctoral Fellow Award in Basic and Clinical Virology. This recognition is a statement of Dr. López-Muñoz's outstanding contributions to the field of virology and his commitment to advancing virology research.

The Norman P. Salzman Memorial Fund, established in 1999, annually presents the Norman P. Salzman Memorial Symposium and Awards in Basic and Clinical Virology to exceptional postdoctoral fellows, graduate students, and postbaccalaureate trainees working in renowned institutions, including the National Institutes of Health and the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA). This recognition is a celebration of their significant achievements in virology research.

Dr. Alberto D. López-Muñoz, currently a member of the Laboratory of Viral Diseases at the NIAID, NIH, hails from Murcia. His research focuses on unraveling the intricate ways viruses evade and modulate the human immune systems. Dr. Lopez-Munoz received his PhD and MS from the "Universidad Autónoma de Madrid" and has conducted studies on the pathogenesis and evolutionary mechanisms of viruses such as Herpes Simplex Virus and more recently, SARS-CoV-2, across Spain, the UK and the U.S.

Under the mentorship of Dr. Jonathan Yewdell at NIAID, who consequently received the Norman P. Salzman Memorial Mentor Awards in Basic and Clinical Virology, Dr. López-Muñoz studies alternative roles of influenza and coronavirus proteins in human immunomodulation, contributing to the understanding of critical aspects of viral infections.

Beyond his research endeavors, Dr. López-Muñoz has displayed exceptional leadership by spearheading ECUSA in Washington-DC. Dr. López-Muñoz has fostered collaborations between Spanish and U.S. Institutions, strengthening the bonds of scientific exchange. He has also played a pivotal role in establishing a robust connection between ECUSA and the Spanish Embassy in the U.S., furthering diplomatic and scientific ties between Spain, United States, and ECUSA.

The Award Ceremony will take place on Monday, December 4th, 2023, at the Lipsett Amphitheater in the NIH Clinical Center, from 9am to 3:30pm ET. For more information about the symposium, please visit: <https://fnih.org/our-programs/norman-p-salzman-memorial-symposium-and-awards-in-basic-and-clinical-virology/>

For more information about ECUSA and Dr. Alberto D. López-Muñoz, visit www.ecusa.es and <https://www.linkedin.com/in/alberto-d-lopez-munoz/>

About ECUSA

ECUSA is a non-profit organization for science and technology professionals that have a relationship with Spain. With a cross-disciplinary approach, it was conceived by volunteers in 2014 with the goal of promote and spread the roles of science, technology and the people involved.

ECUSA also aims to educate, inspire, and train new scientists' generations and researchers and also create network to promote their career opportunities, to help with relocation and integration in the local communities.

Our mission and values include to promote and disseminate the role of science, technology and its professionals in the USA; to contribute to the knowledge of science by means of scientific and technological outreach actives; and to help Spanish scientists in their personal and professional development in the USA.

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