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Barcelona GSE joins the Alliance of Severo Ochoa Centers and Maria de Maeztu Units of Excellence

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The Severo Ochoa and María de Maeztu Alliance (SOMMa) officially held their first meeting on October 18. This alliance was established to promote Spanish science through the recognition of research efforts at the forefront of their fields, help them increase their impact and enhance international scientific leadership and competitiveness. Luis Serrano, Director of the Center for Genomic Regulation, is heading up the alliance over the next two years and Teresa Garcia-Milà, Director of the Barcelona Graduate School of Economics, is the vice-president.

The Barcelona GSE received its second Severo Ochoa Research Excellence Distinction in 2016. The School will be an active member of the SOMMa alliance that aims to raise the national and international profile of science in Spain. This will be achieved by the centers and units working together to exchange knowledge, strengthen the R&D+i system and have a voice in Spanish and European science policy.

"The network will strengthen ties between the top research institutions in Spain," Professor Garcia-Milà said. "It will provide a platform for sharing best scientific practices and reinforce the attraction and retention of internationally-recognized scientists. It will also support the transfer of knowledge from laboratories and lecture halls to the daily lives of the general public."

The SOMMa centers and units will meet again in the second running of 100xCiencia on November 2-3, which will be focused on the transfer of knowledge generated in the centers and research units as well as facilitating society's appreciation of its value.

About the Severo Ochoa Centers María de Maeztu Units of Excellence

The centers and units of the alliance cover a broad range of scientific disciplines, from biology and medicine, to mathematics, chemistry, physics, engineering, social sciences and humanities.

According to their classifications by scientific area, the accredited organizations

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