

## Curriculum Vitae

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### PERSONAL DATA

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### CURRENT POSITION

**2007-present** Senior Scientist, Centro Nacional de Investigaciones Cardiovasculares (CNIC). Head of the Group: *Genetic basis of organ patterning and regeneration*

**2022-present** Coordinator of the CNIC Cardiovascular Regeneration Program

### EDUCATION

M. Sc., Biology, Complutense University Madrid (UCM), 1986

Ph.D., Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Autónoma University Madrid (UAM), 1991

### PREVIOUS POSITIONS

- 2009 – 2012 Associate Director, Centro Nacional de Investigaciones Cardiovasculares, ISCIII. Madrid
- 2007 – 2015 Director, Department of Cardiovascular Development and Repair, CNIC, Madrid
- 2005 – 2006 Director, Immunology and Oncology Dept. Centro Nacional de Biotecnología, CSIC. Madrid
- 1999 – 2006 Tenured Group Leader. Centro Nacional de Biotecnología, CSIC. Madrid
- 1996 – 1999 Group Leader, Centro Nacional de Biotecnología, CSIC. Madrid
- 1992 – 1995 Postdoctoral Researcher, Max Planck Society, Goettingen, Germany
- 1991 – 1992 Postdoctoral Researcher, Centro de Investigaciones Biológicas, CSIC. Madrid
- 1988 – 1991 Predoctoral Researcher, Centro de Investigaciones Biológicas, CSIC. Madrid
- 1984 – 1987 Undergraduate student, Centro de Investigaciones Biológicas, CSIC, Madrid

### SELECTED HONORS AND AWARDS

- 1988 Predoctoral Fellowship from the Spanish Ministry of Education and Science, Spain
- 1992 Postdoctoral Fellowship, European Molecular Biology Organization
- 1993 Postdoctoral Fellowship, European Union
- 1996-present Member of the Spanish Society for Developmental Biology
- 2001-2004 Member “Faculty of 1000”
- 2003- present Member of the Editorial Board of *Developmental Dynamics*
- 2004-2008 Member of the Scientific Advisory Board of the Biotech Oncostem Therapeutics
- 2009 Chair of the COST Action “HOX/ TALE transcription factors in Development and Disease”
- 2011- present Member of the Editorial Board of *Developmental Biology*
- 2011 Scientific Committee of the 2014 Weinstein Meeting on Cardiovascular Development
- 2011 Scientific co-director of the CNIC application that obtained the Severo Ochoa Award
- 2012 Shortlisted for the “La Vanguardia” price “Scientific breakthrough of the year”
- 2012- present Member of the Editorial Board of the *International Journal of Developmental Biology*
- 2013- 2017 Member of the New York Academy of Sciences
- 2014 Pfizer Price for the best basic science publication in Spain

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| 2015          | Member of the American Society for Developmental Biology                                                                 |
| 2015 -2017    | Coordinator of the Fundamental and Systems Biology area for the Spanish Research Agency for Scientific Evaluation (ANEP) |
| 2016- 2020    | President of the Spanish Society for Developmental Biology                                                               |
| 2016- 2024    | Member of the National Stem Cell Bank Technical Committee                                                                |
| 2018, 20, 22  | Member of ERC LS4 Consolidator grant evaluation panels                                                                   |
| 2019- present | Member of the European Molecular Biology Organisation (EMBO)                                                             |
| 2020- present | Member of the Academia de Ciencias de America Latina (ACAL)                                                              |
| 2020          | Member of the HCERES panel for the Institut Pasteur Department of Developmental Biology and Stem Cells                   |
| 2021- present | Associate Editor of <i>Science Advances</i>                                                                              |
| 2022, 23, 24  | Member of the selection committee for the EMBO Installation Grants call                                                  |
| 2024          | ERC LS3 Advanced Grant                                                                                                   |
| 2025          | Chair of the SAB for the Instituto de Biomedicina de Valencia, IBV, CSIC                                                 |
| 2025          | Spanish National Prize in Genetics                                                                                       |

## BIOSKETCH

My research career has focused on understanding the genetic basis of embryonic development, organogenesis and regeneration. My fundamental contributions have dealt with understanding how gene activity regulates the processes of regionalization and tissue regeneration/homeostasis. During my PhD (CIB-CSIC) I trained in the Drosophila model, and during the postdoctoral period (MPI- Germany) I majored in vertebrate development and mouse genetics. In 1996 I started my independent group at CNB-CSIC, focusing on processes of pattern formation in the vertebrate limb and heart. Our contributions modified concepts rooted in the field of developmental biology for decades (Nature 1998 and 1999; Development 2000, 2014; Science 2011; Science Advances 2020; Nat Comm 2021) and are relevant for understanding organ regeneration (Development 2005). A large part of our work on organogenesis was based on the study of genes encoding homeodomain transcription factors, area in which we described their tissue patterning roles and the molecular basis underlying these functions (Dev Biol.2005; Circ. Res 2010; Cell Reports 2013). In the tissue homeostasis field, we have studied the conservation of cell death pathways in metazoans (EMBO J 1998; 2002), we provided the first evidence of Cell Competition in vertebrates (Nature 2013), identifying pluripotency protection in embryonic stem cell pools as one of its roles (Dev Cell 2017; Nature Communications 2024) and we have explored the roles of Cell Competition in heart development and homeostasis (Cell Reports 2014; Scientific Reports 2016; Development 2019). Recently, I obtained an ERC LS3 AdG grant on this topic (2024). We have also established and exploited new genetic approaches allowing clonal analysis, describing new relationships and restrictions of vertebrate lineages (Development 2007, Blood 2014, Bone 2018, Dev Cell 2020; Development 2023; Dev Cell 2025). In the last decade, our work has expanded to the understanding of how cell behavior determines morphogenesis processes and tissue homeostasis, which led us to the implementation of new techniques, including genetic tools and in vivo time-lapse 3D video microscopy. In this area, we have established the first comprehensive live microscopy methodology applicable to heart development in the mouse, which has allowed us to formulate a new model for linear heart tube formation (Elife 2017; Nature Cardiovascular Research 2022). In the last 15 years my research activity has combined with scientific management, first in CNB, where I assumed the leadership of the Department of Immunology and Oncology (2005-6) and then in the CNIC, as founding director of the Department of Cardiovascular Development and Repair in 2007. As Director of Department, I have been responsible for the recruitment and design of the scientific strategy. In 2009 I was appointed Associate Director of the Centre, acting until 2015 as the on-site scientific head of the institution, contributing to the recruitment of scientists, design of infrastructures and scientific strategy. Together with Dr. Valentin Fuster, General Director of CNIC, I was the co-IP of the project awarded with the CNIC Severo Ochoa in the first call of this program (2011). Currently, I coordinate the Cardiovascular Regeneration Program at CNIC

## PUBLICATIONS

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### *Peer Reviewed Publications*

- 1 **M. Torres** and L. Sánchez (1989). The scute (T4) gene acts as a numerator element of the X:A signal that determines the state of activity of Sex-lethal in *Drosophila*. *EMBO J.* 8, 3079-3086.
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- 8 **M. Torres**, E. Gómez-Pardo, G.R. Dressler and P. Gruss (1995). Pax-2 controls multiple steps of urogenital development. *Development* 121, 4057-4065.
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- 15 **M. Torres** (1998) The use of Embryonic Stem Cells for the Genetic Manipulation of the Mouse. *Current Topics in Developmental Biology*, 36, 99-114.
- 16 **M. Torres** and F. Giráldez (1998). The development of the vertebrate inner ear. *Mechanisms of Development*, 71, 5-21
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### ***Outreach publications***

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**M. Torres** (2000) "El ADN: La doble hélice de la Vida" EL CULTURAL de EL MUNDO

**M. Torres** (2001) "Primates transgénicos" EL CULTURAL de EL MUNDO

### **PATENTS and LICENSING**

**1994-** INVENTORS: P.Bonaldo, K.Chowdhury, P.Gruss, A.Stoykova, M.Torres.  
TITLE: Identifizierung eines Säuger-Gens dessen partieller Ausfall (Mutation) zur verstärkten Körperfettbildung führt (Identification of a mammalian gene whose partial mutation causes increased production of body fat)  
APPLICATION FORM No: 2-621-0707-2103. PRIORITY COUNTRY: Germany  
HOLDER ENTITY: Max-Planck Society. COMPANIES THAT ARE LICENSING IT: AMGEN, Thousand Oaks, CA, USA (license expired)

**2016-** CSIC license to Merck-Serono of Polyclonal antibodies against Meis1/2 and Meis1 developed by Juan Pablo Albar and Miguel Torres at the Centro Nacional de Biotecnología. Ref 20165921 LIC 1

**2024-** Inventors: Miguel Torres, Cristina Villa, Inés Rivero  
Title: Hey2 inhibitors for use in the treatment of cardiac diseases in postnatal mammals.  
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Date: 19 May 2025

**2025-** Inventors: Elly Tanaka, Jingkui Wang, Elad Bassat, Jorge Peña, Miguel Torres.  
Title : Regenerative heart therapy  
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Date: 03 December 2025

### **GRANTS**

-Identificación y caracterización funcional de nuevas proteínas de la vía secretora mediante trampas génicas en células ES de ratón. Agency: **Comunidad Autónoma de Madrid**, ref. 07B/0022/1999, 2000, **PI: M. Torres**

-Regulación y función de los genes de la familia homeobox MEIS/PBX. Agency: **Comunidad Autónoma de Madrid**, ref. 08.6/0032/20001, 2001-2002, **PI: M. Torres**

-Estudio del control de la diferenciación y muerte celular programada por factores de transcripción de la familia TALE-homeobox". Agency: **CICYT**, ref. SAF00-0160, 2000-2003, **PI: M. Torres**

- Genómica Funcional en Modelos Vertebrados para el Estudio Comparado de Genes de Desarrollo Embrionario. Agency: **Ministry of Science**, ref: GEN2001-4846-C05-04, 2002-2004, **PI: M. Torres** (Coordinator: G. Morata)
- Los genes Meis en el desarrollo y enfermedad: análisis en modelos de modificación genética dirigida en el ratón y en células madre embrionarias. Agency: **Ministry of Science**, ref. SAF2003-04317, 2003-2006 **PI: M. Torres**
- Regulación de la Organogénesis en Vertebrados por Factores Homeodominio. Agency: **Ministry of Science**, ref. BFU2006-10978, 2007-2009 **PI: M. Torres**
- Computerized 4-Dimensional Clonal Analysis of the Developing Mouse Limb. Agency: **Human Frontiers Science Program**, ref RGP8/2004, 2004-2007. **PI and International Coordinator: Miguel Torres**
- "Integrated technologies for in-vivo molecular imaging" Agency: **EU FP6**, ref LSHG-CT-2003-5032259. 2003-2008. **PI: Miguel Torres** (Coordinator: E N Economou, FORTH, Crete)
- CELDEV-CM: Bases celulares del desarrollo: Linajes embrionarios y competición celular. Agency: **Comunidad de Madrid**, ref. S-SAL0190-2006, 2007-2010, **PI: M. Torres**, (Coordinator: Ginés Morata, CBM-CSIC, Madrid)
- Opti-heart: Optimization of 3D image technologies for the study of normal and abnormal heart development. Agency: **La Marató TV3**, ref. 082031, 2009-2012, **PI: J.J. Sanz-Ezquerro** (CNIC, Madrid); Co **PI: James Sharpe** (CRG-Barcelona)
- Red de terapia celular RETICS TerCel. Agency: **FIS, ISCIII**, Ref: RD06/0010/0008, 2007-2012, **PI: M. Torres** (Coordinator: J.M. Moraleda, Hospital U. Virgen de la Arrixaca, Murcia)
- Meis and Pbx homeobox genes in development and disease. Agency: **Ministry of Science (MICINN)**, ref. BFU2009-08331, 2010-12. **PI: M. Torres**
- COST Action: on HOX and TALE transcription factors in Development and Disease. Agency: COST – European Cooperation in the field of Scientific and Technical Research (**EU RTD FP7**), ref. BM0805, 2009-2013, **PI and International Chair for 32 groups from 18 countries: M. Torres**
- EU Initial Training Network CardioNet.- Translational Training network on the Cellular and Molecular Bases of Heart Homeostasis and Repair. Agency: **EU FP7**, ref. 28600. 2012-2015. **PI: M. Torres** (Coordinator, E. Lara)
- Severo Ochoa Award to CNIC. Agency: **Ministry of Science and Innovation**. Ref. SEV-2011-0052. 2012-2015. **Co-PIs: Valentín Fuster and M. Torres**
- Comunidad de Madrid: "CellDD, lineages and cell competition in development and disease" 2012-2015 **PI: M.Torres** (Coordinator, G. Morata)
- Genome regulation by the Hox-TALE transcription factor network in development and disease. Agency: **Ministry of Science and Innovation**. Ref. BFU2012-31086. 2013-2015. **PI: M. Torres**
- Preparacion de propuesta para European Industrial Doctorate Training Network 4DHEART Agency: **Ministry of Science and Innovation**. Ref. EUIN2015-62897. 2015-2016. **PI: M. Torres**
- Severo Ochoa Award to CNIC. Agency: **Ministry of Science and Innovation**. Ref. SEV-2015-0505. 2016-19 **M. Torres is PI of 1/10** reference groups in the application.
- Transcriptional control of heart development and its impact in heart disease and repair mechanisms. Agency: **Ministry of Science and Innovation**. Ref. BFU2015-71519-P. 2016-2018 **PI: M. Torres**.
- CELMOVES: Analysis of the Cellular basis of Morphogenesis in vertebrates. Agency: **Ministry of Science and Innovation**. Ref. BFU2015-70193-REDT. 2016-2017. **PI and coordinator of 6 national groups: M. Torres**

- SMART: Striatal development and Meis1 Action in Restless Legs Syndrome. Agency: **Ministry of Science and Innovation**. Ref. ERA NET NEURON II- PCIN-2015-020. 2015-2018. **PI: M. Torres**
- Initial Training Network-4D analysis of heart development and regeneration using advanced light microscopy. **EU Horizon 2020**, Ref. H2020-MSCA-ITN-2016-722427. 2016-20 **PI and coordinator of 7 international institutions: M. Torres**
- Cell Therapy Network RETICS. Agency: **FIS, ISCIII**, Ref: RD16/0011/0019. 2017-21 **PI: M.Torres**
- Redox Regulation of Cardiomyocyte Renewal. 2018-2022. **Leducq Foundation Transatlantic Networks**, ref. 17CVD04. **Coordinators of 7 international institutions, H. Sadek (Dallas) and M. Torres**
- CNIC Internal Grants. Identification of therapeutic targets to rescue protein loss that drives the arrhythmogenic phenotype in recessive catecholaminergic polymorphic ventricular tachycardia. 2017-2019. **coPI M.Torres (PI S. Priori)**
- REANIMA-CM: Bases moleculares y celulares de la regeneración cardíaca: desde los modelos animales al corazón humano. 2018-2021, **Madrid Regional Government**. B2017/BMD-3875. **Coordinator of 6 national research groups: M. Torres**
- PROMEIS: Formacion de patrón y morfogénesis de órganos de mamíferos por los factores de transcripción Meis. 2019-2022 **Ministerio de Ciencia Educación y Universidades** PGC2018-096486-B-I00.
- REANIMA-EU: New-generation cardiac therapeutic strategies directed to the activation of endogenous regenerative mechanisms. 2020-2024. **European Commission** SC1-BHC-07-2019. Ref. 874764. **Coordinator of 12 international institutions: M. Torres**
- CARDIOBOOST-CM: Bioingeniería de células satélite de músculo esquelético como nueva estrategia de diferenciación a cardiomiocitos y regeneración cardiaca. 2023-2026, **Madrid Regional Government**. B2022/BMD-7245. **M. Torres, coordinator of 5 national research groups.**
- CIBER-CV: Investigación traslacional sobre las bases embrionarias y los mecanismos celulares y moleculares implicados en la protección y regeneración de los tejidos cardiovasculares. 2023- . **ISCIII**. CB22/11/00021.
- EMERGENT: The cellular/molecular basis of organogenesis during mammalian development. **Agencia Estatal de Investigación**. 2023-2026. PID2022-140058NB-C31. **PI: M. Torres**
- REACTIVA: The transcriptional regulation of cardiomyocyte polyploidization and its relevance in cardiac regeneration. **European Research Council**. 2024-2029. Advanced Grant ref. 101142005. **PI: M. Torres**

## TEACHING

### Spanish Postgraduate and Master Courses

|                 |                                                                                                            |
|-----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1991, 1995-2003 | Proliferación y diferenciación celular y desarrollo. CIB (CSIC), U Alcalá de Henares, UC Madrid, UA Madrid |
| 1996            | Biología del desarrollo. U. Valladolid                                                                     |
| 1996-2005       | Activación celular y apoptosis en el sistema inmune. UA Madrid                                             |
| 1997-1998       | Bases bioquímicas y moleculares de la function celular III. UA Madrid                                      |
| 1998            | Bioteconología. UA Madrid                                                                                  |
| 1998-2000       | Avances en biología del desarrollo. UA Madrid                                                              |
| 2000            | Bioteconología: una Mirada al futuro. U Santiago de Compostela                                             |
| 2001            | La revolución biomédica: los diez últimos/próximos años. U Valladolid                                      |
| 2001            | Diferenciación y desarrollo. U de Salamanca                                                                |
| 2001            | El genoma humano al descubierto. U Santiago de Compostela                                                  |

- 2002 Biología Molecular del desarrollo. UA Madrid
- 2004 VIII Curso nacional de transplante de órganos, células madre y terapia. U Zaragoza
- 2005 Las fronteras de la Biología Molecular. Centro de Ciencias de Benasque. Huesca
- 2008-2025 Cardiovascular Diseases Module (BMM9), Master on Molecular Biomedicine, UA Madrid (Coordinator and lecturer)
- 2025 Curso Nacional de Genética. Residencia la Cristalera, Miraflores de la Sierra, Madrid

### **International Courses**

- 1994 Manipulating mouse embryonic stem cells. INSERM, Le Vesinet, Paris, France
- 1995 New Trends in Molecular Biotechnology: Basic and Applied Aspects. U Louvain-La-Neuve, Brussels, Belgium
- 1995 EMBO practical course on mouse and chicken development. Biophysical Chemistry Institut, Max Planck Society, Göttingen, Germany
- 1999 Atelier transgénèse, INSERM, Toulouse, France
- 1999 Advanced Course in Molecular Biology Techniques. Instituto Venezolano de Investigaciones Científicas, Caracas, Venezuela
- 2001 Biology and Mathematics: Mathematics in Embryonic Development and Cancer Escuela de Matemáticas "Lluís Santaló" UIMP, Santander, Spain
- 2003 Universidad Internacional Menéndez Pelayo. Últimas investigaciones en biología: células madre y células embrionarias.
- 2006 Basic Molecular Processes in Organisms and their Pathology. Escuela de Biología Molecular "Eladio Viñuela. UIMP, Santander, Spain
- 2010 Graduate School Advance Course on Molecular Medicine-Multidisciplinary Solutions to Medical Challenges, BIOCENTER, Oulu, Finland
- 2017 Universidad Menéndez Pelayo-CIB "Master in Molecular and Cellular Integrative Biology"
- 2019 Biomedicine course for postgraduates, Gulbenkian Research Institute, Lisbon, Portugal
- 2025 2025 Summer Course Universidad Internacional Menéndez Pelayo "Clinical Embryology: From Normal Embryonic Development to Congenital Malformations"

### **SELECTED INVITED LECTURES**

- 2000: Simposio internacional Fundación Ramón Areces: "Transgénesis animal en biología, medicina y biotecnología. Madrid
- 2001 14th Congress of the International Society of Developmental Biology, Kioto, Japón
- 2002 Workshop on "Limb Development". Fundación Juan March, Madrid
- 2002 Annual meeting of the French Society of Developmental Biology, Toulouse
- 2003 Workshop on "Developmental Mechanisms in Vertebrate Organogenesis". Fundación Juan March, Madrid
- 2003 EMBO Workshop "Boundaries in Development: 30 years of Progress" EMBL, Heidelberg, Alemania
- 2004 8th International Conference on Limb Development and Regeneration. Dundee, UK
- 2004 ESF conference on Cellular and Molecular Basis of Regeneration. San Feliu, España.
- 2004 II CRG Anual Symposium on "The cell in Development"
- 2005 British Council Opening Doors Workshop: New Imaging Techniques in Biology, Nerja (Malaga), Spain
- 2006 Workshop on Homeodomain Proteins, Hematopoietic Development and Leukemias, Riva del Garda, Italy
- 2006 9th International Conference on Limb Development and Regeneration. Awaji, Japan
- 2007 British Council "Opening Doors" workshop: "Regeneration and Cell Therapy" Cardona, Spain
- 2009 Symposium on "Tissue Specification and Organogenesis", Gulbenkian Foundation, Lisbon, Portugal
- 2009 Heart Repair – 3rd Annual General Meeting, Berlin, Germany

- 2009 American Heart Association Scientific Sessions, Orlando
- 2010 EU Marie Curie symposium on "Developmental Signaling Networks"
- 2010 11th International Conference of Limb Development and Regeneration, Williamsburg, USA
- 2010 Gordon Research Conference on "Molecular Mechanisms In Lymphatic Function & Disease", Barga, Italy
- 2011 XXXIV Congreso de la Sociedad Española de Bioquímica y Biología Molecular, Barcelona, Spain
- 2011 VI Congreso de la Sociedad Española de Terapia Génica y Celular, Zaragoza
- 2011 EMBO Workshop - Lineage Commitments: Emphasis on Extraembryonic-Embryonic Interfaces, Leuven, Belgium
- 2011 NYAS Meeting: Evolving Challenges in Promoting Cardiovascular Health, Barcelona
- 2012 12th International Conference on Limb Development & Regeneration Meeting: HoxA cluster epigenetic regulation underlies cell-autonomous generation of late limb proximodistal pattern. Quebec, Canada
- 2012 45th Annual New York Cardiovascular Symposium: Major Topics in Cardiology Today: Embryogenic Development of the Heart: Implications for Stem Cell Regeneration in the Adult. New York, United States of America
- 2012 "Cell competition in the mammalian epiblast eliminates cells with lower Myc levels". Cornell University, NY, USA
- 2013 "Myc-driven Cell Competition in the Mammalian Embryo" Institute of Biomedical and Biomolecular Science (IBBS) Portsmouth, UK
- 2013 46th Annual New York Cardiovascular Symposium: Major Topics in Cardiology Today: Embryonic Development of the Heart: The Competitive Nature of Cardiac Development
- 2013 Hox-related and unrelated functions of TALE-homeodomain transcription factors during mammalian organogenesis. International Conference: Hox and TALE Transcription factors in Development and Disease. Egmond aan Zee, The Netherlands
- 2013 Andalucía International University Current Trends in Biomedicine Conference on 2The Hemato-Vascular System: Development and Disease. Clonal Analysis of the Early Endothelial and Hematopoietic Lineages in the Mouse. Baeza, Spain
- 2013 "Cell Competition in Mammalian Organogenesis". Second Meeting of the Portuguese society for Developmental Biology. Lisbon, Portugal
- 2014 Cell competition and tissue homeostasis in Mammals. Max-Planck Center for Molecular Cell Biology and Genetics. Dresden, Germany
- 2014 Cell Competition in Mammalian Development and Tissue Homeostasis. 47<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Japanese Society for Developmental Biology. Nagoya. Japan
- 2014 Cell Competition in Mammalian Development and Tissue Homeostasis. The 2014 Santa Cruz Developmental Biology Meeting, UCSC
- 2014 Jonah Platt Stem Cell Lecture Series. Eli and Edythe Broad Center of Regeneration Medicine and Stem Cell Research, UCSF
- 2014 Role of Anabolism Regulation in Cardiac Development and Homeostasis. American Heart Association Scientific Sessions 2014, Chicago, USA
- 2015 Speaker at the Max-Planck Institute for lung and heart disease student's symposium, Ringberg Castle, Munich
- 2015 Keynote speaker at the Congress of the Society for Cell Biology, Spain
- 2015 Speaker of the Presidential symposium at the Congress of the Society for Developmental Biology, USA
- 2015 Speaker at the 1<sup>st</sup> Symposium of Cell Competition in Development and Cancer, Kyoto
- 2016 Simposio Internacional: Cell competition, apoptosis and cancer. Fund. Ramón Areces
- 2016 Heart Failure Winter Meeting. ESC. Les Diablerets, Suiza
- 2016 Janelia Workshop "Imaging Mouse Development" VA, USA
- 2016 Myology Congress 2016. Lyon, France
- 2016 39th Annual Meeting of the Molecular Biology Society of Japan. Mishima, Japan
- 2016 The Allied Genetics Conference 2016 (TAGC), Orlando, USA
- 2017 The Stem Cell Institute at the University of Minnesota external seminar series. USA

- 2017 International Society for Developmental Biology Congress, Singapore
- 2017 Gordon Research Conference on Developmental Biology, Mount Holyoke, MA, USA
- 2017 14th International Limb Development and Regeneration Conference, Edinburgh, UK
- 2017 3<sup>rd</sup> International Symposium on Cell Competition, Hokkaido Univ., Sapporo, Japan
- 2018 EMBO workshop “Imaging Mouse Development”, EMBL, Heidelberg (Germany)
- 2018 Gordon Research Conf., Cardiac Regulatory Mechanisms, Colby-Sawyer College, NH (USA)
- 2018 Keynote speaker at the Mexican Developmental Biology Society Congress, Puebla, Mexico
- 2019 Keystone Symposium on *Cellular Plasticity: Reprogramming, Regeneration, and Metaplasia*. Keystone, USA
- 2019 International Symposium on Cardiovascular Regeneration and Repair, Madrid, Spain
- 2019 Symposium on Cell Competition in Development and Disease, Lausanne, Switzerland
- 2019 EMBO members Meeting 2019. Heidelberg, Germany
- 2020 Congress of the Spanish Society of Cardiology, virtual meeting
- 2021 EMBO “Ascona” virtual meeting on Cardiomyocyte Biology
- 2021 Virtual Congress of the European Society of Human Genetics
- 2022 Cardiovascular Bioengineering Meeting. CVBE DZHK/NIH. Goettingen, Germany.
- 2022 20th International Conference of the International Society of Differentiation-British Society for Developmental Biology. Malta
- 2022 Janelia/HHMI Conference “Imaging Mouse Development”. Janelia Institute, Virginia, USA
- 2022 Cardiovascular Health Congress 2022. Spanish Society for Cardiology
- 2023 International Symposium on Myocardial Regeneration in chronic Heart Failure. El Gouna, Egypt
- 2023 New frontiers in cardiac and vascular biology symposium. Weizmann Institute, Israel
- 2023 37th Meeting of the ISHR-European Section. Porto, Portugal
- 2023 Congress of the European Society of Cardiology. Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- 2024 2nd JST International Symposium on Dynamics of Cellular Interactions in Multicellular Systems. Kyoto, Japan
- 2024 Foster Talks seminar series at the Department of Physiology, Development and Neuroscience (PDN) at the University of Cambridge
- 2024 CRC1366 Vascular Control of Organ Function International Meeting; Mannheim, Germany
- 2024 IV International Symposium on Cell Competition, Kyoto, Japan
- 2024 Seeon AngloScience Conference. Seeon Monastery, Bavaria, Germany
- 2024 Congress of the Spanish Society for Developmental Biology. San Feliu de Guixols
- 2025 2025 Cardiovascular Symposium of the Sarver Heart Center, Tucson, Arizona, US.
- 2025 European Vascular Biology Organization. Online seminar series
- 2025 XXV World Congress International Society for Heart Research (ISHR2025 NARA, Japan)
- 2025 European Society for Cardiology Congress 2025 Madrid.
- 2025 7<sup>th</sup> Congress of the French Society for Stem Cell Research, Lyon, France
- 2026 EMBL Conference: The new cardiobiology. Heidelberg
- 2026 Fritz Thyssen Foundation meeting on HOX and TALE transcription factors. Heidelberg

## **COURSES AND MEETINGS ORGANIZED**

- 1995 EMBO practical course on mouse and chicken development”. Max-Planck-Institute of Biophysical Chemistry. Goettingen, Germany
- 1999 I Simposium nacional de transgénesis animal. CNB, CSIC. Madrid, Spain
- 2000 International Symposium on Animal Transgenesis in Biology, Medicine and Biotechnology. Fundación Ramón Areces, Madrid, Spain
- 2001-3 Workshop: Avances en Biología Molecular por Jóvenes Investigadores en el Extranjero. Centro Nacional de Biotecnología, CSIC, Madrid, Spain
- 2003 Juan March Meeting on Developmental Mechanisms in Vertebrate Organogenesis. Madrid, Spain

- 2005 British Council "Opening Doors" Workshop: New Imaging Techniques in Biology. Nerja, Málaga, Spain
- 2006 EMBO Workshop on "Homeodomain Proteins, Hematopoietic Development and Leukemias" Riva del Garda, Italy
- 2007 CNIC-UNIA Workshop on the Regulation of Pluripotency during life cycle: implications for embryonic development and regenerative medicine, Baeza, Spain
- 2008 CNIO Cancer Conference on Development and Cancer, Madrid, Spain
- 2008 10th International Conference on Limb Development and Regeneration, Euroforum and the Auditorium of San Lorenzo de El Escorial (Madrid), Spain
- 2009 Symposium on developmental biology from a cell biology and biophysics perspective. CNIC, Madrid, Spain
- 2009 Workshop on Hox and Tale Homeoproteins in Development and Disease, Carmona, Seville, Spain
- 2012 Symposium on "HOX and TALE Transcription Factors in Development and Disease", El Escorial, Madrid, Spain.
- 2014 Weinstein International Conference on Cardiovascular Development. Madrid
- 2016 International symposium: Cell competition, apoptosis and cancer. Fundación Ramón Areces. Madrid
- 2019 Limb Development and Regeneration: New tools for a Classic Model System, PRBB, Barcelona,
- 2019 European Developmental Biology Congress 2019. Alicante, Spain
- 2022 CNIC Conference: Cardiac Regeneration: from Mechanisms to Therapies. Madrid, Spain
- 2025 CNIC Conference: Cardiovascular Bioengineering Conference. Madrid, Spain

#### PhD THESES SUPERVISED

- 2002 Cristina Clavería, Title: Análisis de la regulación de la muerte celular programada en *D. melanogaster* y su conservación en vertebrados, Autonomous University of Madrid, Faculty: Science, First Class "Cum Laude"
- 2003 Nadia Mercader, Title: Role and Regulation of Meis Genes during Proximodistal Limb Development in Vertebrates, Autonomous University of Madrid, Faculty: Science, First Class "Cum Laude"
- 2005 Valeria Azcoitia, Title: Genetic Analysis of the Homeobox gene Meis1 during mouse embryogenesis, Autonomous University of Madrid, Faculty: Science, First Class "Cum Laude"
- 2007 Carlos García-Arqués, Title: 4-D Computerized clonal analysis of the developing mouse limb, Autonomous University of Madrid, Faculty: Science, First Class "Cum Laude"
- 2010 Catalina Ana Rosselló Castillo, Title: Role of the homeobox gene Meis I in hematopoietic stem cell generation in the vertebrate embryo: a functional analysis, Autonomous University of Madrid, Faculty: Science, First Class "Cum Laude"
- 2010 Alberto Roselló Díez, Title: New genetic strategies to analyze cell behaviour and gene function in the mouse, Autonomous University of Madrid, Faculty: Science, First Class "Cum Laude" / First National Award
- 2011 Clara García Andrés, Title: Identification and functional analysis of regulators of vertebrate limb pattern formation, Autonomous University of Madrid, Faculty: Science, First Class "Cum Laude"
- 2013 Daniel Mateos San Martín, Title: The DNA binding profile of TALE Proteins in the Embryo. Autonomous University of Madrid, Faculty: Science, First Class "Cum Laude"
- 2014 Cristina Villa del Campo, Title: Papel de la competición celular en el desarrollo del embrión de ratón. Autonomous University of Madrid, Faculty: Science, First Class "Cum Laude"
- 2017 Covadonga Díaz-Díaz, Title: Live analysis and function of Myc-mediated cell competition in mouse pluripotent stem cells. Autonomous University of Madrid, Faculty: Science, First Class "Cum Laude"

- 2019 Ghislaine Lioux: Retrospective clonal analysis of the developing mouse heart. Autonomous University of Madrid, Faculty: Science, First Class “Cum Laude”
- 2019 Alejandra Cristina López-Delgado. Meis transcription factors in axial development. Autonomous University of Madrid, Faculty: Science, First Class
- 2019 Noelia Muñoz-Martín. The role of Meis transcription factors in cardiomyocytes. Autonomous University of Madrid, Faculty: Science, First Class “Cum Laude”
- 2021 Jose Antonio Valverde. P53 and Puma in Pluripotent Cell Competition. Faculty: Science, Autonomous University of Madrid, First Class
- 2021 Ester de la Cruz Crespillo. Director Miguel Torres. The role of Meis transcription factors in the epicardium. Faculty: Science, Autonomous University of Madrid, First Class “Cum Laude”
- 2022 Isaac Esteban. Director Miguel Torres. Pseudodynamic analysis of heart tube formation in the mouse embryo. Universidad Politécnica de Madrid, First Class “Cum Laude”
- 2022 Lin Li-Bao. Director Miguel Torres. Regulation of Myc expression in Mouse Pluripotent Stem Cells and its Relevance in cell Competition. Faculty: Science, Autonomous University of Madrid, First Class “Cum Laude”
- 2023 Miquel Sendra. The spatio-temporal sequence of cardiovascular precursor specification in the primitive heart tube of the mouse embryo. Faculty: Science, Autonomous University of Madrid, First Class “Cum Laude”
- 2023 Morena Raiola. A quantitative study of myocardial motion and deformation during early mouse morphogenesis. Universidad Politécnica de Madrid, First Class “Cum Laude”
- 2024 Inés Rivero-García. Network Modelling of the Regulatory Pathways involved in organ regeneration. Universidad Politécnica de Madrid, First Class “Cum Laude”

## CONTRIBUTION TO THE PROMOTION OF SCIENTIFIC CAREERS

Dr Torres has supervised 20 PhD theses and currently supervises 4 graduate students. Senior Alumni from Dr Torres lab are today Professors or independent Scientists at Universities or Research Centers: Nadia Mercader, full Professor at Bern University (Starting and Consolidator ERC grantee), Switzerland; Alberto Roselló, Associate Professor, Cambridge University, UK; Kenzo Ivanovitch, Assistant Professor, University College London, UK; Luis Suárez, Hospital de Monterrey, México; Irene Delgado, Universidad Complutense de Madrid; Juanjo Sanz-Ezquerro, Centro Nacional de Biotecnología, CSIC; Silvia Martín-Puig, Instituto de Investigaciones Biomédicas, CSIC; Óscar Ocaña, Universidad de Jaén; Daniel Mateos San Martín, Centro de Estudios Universitarios (CEU), Antonio Serrano, Hospital 12 de Octubre, Giovanna Giovinazzo, Head of Technological Platform, CNIC.

More Junior Alumni are today Postdoctoral researchers in National and International Centers: Alejandra López-Delgado, Center for Regenerative Medicine, Dresden, Germany; Lin Li-Bao, CABD, Sevilla; Jose Antonio Valverde López, CNIC, Madrid; Isaac Esteban, ETH, Zurich; Miquel Sendra, IBDM, Marsella; Inés Rivero, Heidelberg University; Morena Raiola, Covadonga Diaz-Diaz y Cristina Villa, CNIC.

Others have changed tracks towards biotechnological/pharmaceutical industries or science management: Ghislaine Lioux, INDICA Labs. Switzerland; Noelia Muñoz Martín, Ncardia, the Netherlands; Lorena Esteban, Outcomes'10, Spain; Catalina Ana Rosselló, Laminar Pharma, Spain, Laura Padrón, GSK, Madrid; Ester de la Cruz, Eli Lilly, Spain).

## AD HOC PEER REVIEW

- 1996-present External reviewer for National and International Agencies in the evaluation of research grant applications and of scientific positions: Plan Nacional and ANEP (Spain), ICREA (Cataluña), IKERBASQUE (País Vasco), CAM (Madrid), NSF (USA), FONCYT (Argentina), FCT (Portugal), SFI (Ireland) and the European Commission (ERC)
- 6-times Member of the Grant Evaluation and follow-up Panels for the National Program of Molecular and Cellular Biology

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1996-present Reviewer of manuscripts for Nature, Science, Cell, Developmental Cell, Cell Stem Cell, Science Advances, Nature Communications, PNAS, PLOs Biology, EMBO J, Development, Blood, Developmental Biology, Scientific Reports, Mechanisms of Development, Developmental Dynamics and others  
2017, 2019 Evaluator for the “Canada Excellence Research Chairs”

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