

Curriculum Vitae

Personal information **Juan Ventura**

Work experience

June 2023 to date

Research and Patients Engagement Director

Cancer Patients Europe (CPE) is a pan-European and pan-cancer type association.

Several cancer patient associations across Europe established it to overcome the lack of a Pan European Organisation across the European region with a balanced representation of cancer patients from all European countries, to bridge the European and the national dimensions with the vision to reduce the burden of cancer on patients and survivors, their carers, the health care systems, and society as a whole.

I coordinate the participation of CPE in research projects, contributing to introduce cancer patient interests in the definition of the aims and translating the outcomes in a plain language that all patients can understand. I arrange patient participation in European projects and specially in decision making bodies, ensuring that health regulations in the EU incorporate the experience and the goals of those affected by their implementation.

CPE - Cancer Patients Europe (www.cancerpatientseurope.org)

October 2021 to June 2023

Senior Health and Research Projects Manager

European Cancer Patient Coalition (ECPC) is the largest European cancer patients' umbrella organisation established in 2003, with about 450 Members in 48 countries. It advocates for patients to be acknowledged as equal partners & co-creators of their own health and works for a Europe of equality, where all Europeans with cancer have timely & affordable access to the best treatment and care available, throughout their life.

As a Project Manager I was in charge of the technical and scientific part of the projects, making sure that ECPC contributes to make the voice of patients into the development and the objectives of the proposals. I coordinate all different teams at ECPC participating in projects with the goal to fulfill the roles that ECPC performs in the different tasks of the projects with the purpose of accommodating the scientific objectives to the benefits of the cancer patients. I serve as a relay between the researchers and the patients, translating the languages of science to a lay understanding.

ECPC - European Cancer Patient Coalition, Brussels, Belgium (www.ecpc.org)

October 2014 to October 2020

Associate Professor

Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (KUL) is the most important university in Belgium and one of the most prestigious and ancient in Europe.

As a professor, I led a research team, managing the different members to perform in order to achieve the objectives of the different projects. I wrote and applied for project grants; design, write and submit scientific papers; form part of peer review journals boards; review grants for international scientific bodies. As an academic, I also performed teaching duties for pre- and graduate students, mentoring master and PhD students and collaborating to educational plans of the department. I also had duties coordinating the general organization of the department, monitoring technical and administrative stuff.

KUL - Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Leuven, Belgium (www.kuleuven.be)

October 2007 to 2014

Principal Investigator

University of Cambridge, is one of the most renowned and prestigious universities of the world.

As a Principal Investigator I was the leader of a research team. I defined the main goals of the research, wrote the projects, analysed the results and wrote and published the findings in international peer reviewed journals. In addition, I mentored master and PhD students, taught university courses and participated in the organization of the department. I organized international conferences and reviewed papers for world-class journals (Science, Nature) and projects for scientific sponsors (CRUK, EU projects).

University of Cambridge, Cambridge, UK. (www.cam.ac.uk)

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Dates

May 2005 to December 2007

Occupation or position held

Main activities and responsibilities

Name and address of employer

Dates

Ramon y Cajal Investigator

Spanish National Cancer Centre (CNIO). CNIO is one of the most important research centers in Spain and Europe.

I worked as an independent investigator within a research team led by Angel Nebreda. I designed and performed my own projects, wrote grants and papers with the results of the investigations. I published my findings in the prestigious scientific journal Nature Medicine. I also mentored PhD students and technicians.

CNIO (Spanish National Cancer Centre), Madrid, Spain, (www.cnio.es)

Oct 2000 to 2005

Occupation or position held Junior Postdoctoral Investigator

Main activities and responsibilities Howard Hughes Medical Institute/ UMassMed, HHMI is the largest scientific private sponsor contributing

to excellent research in the US. University of Massachusetts Medical School has a prestige in medical research, with some of the best biomedical investigators in the world.

I formed part of the research team of Dr Davis, advancing in my formation as a scientist. I became an independent researcher, planning and executing projects and experiments and starting to write and submit grant applications and scientific papers.

Name and address of employer HHMI/ University of Massachusetts Medical School, Worcester-MA, US (www.umassmed.edu)

Education and training

September 2000

Title of qualification awarded PhD in Pharmacy

Name and type of organisation

providing education and training

Dates

Title of qualification and name of organ.

School of Pharmacy, University Complutense, Madrid, Spain (Including 6 months at the European Molecular Biology Laboratory, Heidelberg, Germany, 1999)

July 1996

BS in Pharmacy, School of Pharmacy, University Complutense, Madrid, Spain,

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Personal skills & competences More than 10 years of experience leading research teams.

- Good problem solving and team making skills.
- Developing broad and long-term research strategies and specific goals focused projects.
- Writing and editing scientific literature (papers, books) and grant applications.
- Monitoring of team work and managing of budget resources and laboratory

supplies.

- Organization of meetings and international conferences.
- Publicizing research results at national and international scientific institutions, associations or scientific congresses.
- Integration and collaboration with other research teams within a large scientific environment.

Reviewing and selection of team personnel. Arrangement of team-making activities to improve the group boundaries.

Creative and enthusiast scientific mind with a good overall vision to improve the investigation and originate new venues.

Good integration and adaptation at new work environments with living and work experience in many countries (USA, UK, Spain, Germany, Belgium).

Excellent troubleshooting skills.

Good understanding in the application of regular lab editing and analytical software: Microsoft Office (Word, Power Point, Excel, EndNote), Adobe (Acrobat, Photoshop, Illustrator), Flow cytometry analysis (FlowJo, FCS Express Flow), Canvas, imaging (Volocity, VoreenVE).

Regular use of scientific databases for literature (PubMed, WoS, JCR) or technical tools for genetics (NCBI, EMBL-EBI, miRBase) or diseases (ICGC, TCGA).

Deep knowledge of in-vitro and in-vivo laboratory work from protein and nucleic acid analysis to animal experimentation.

Additional information

Publications

Projects

Memberships

European Society for Molecular Oncology (ESMO) member

Other Relevant Information

I am a patient representative