"Severo Ochoa" Excellence Accreditation

ICFO secures its 4th consecutive i¿½Severo Ochoai¿½ nati nal grant, enabling the institute to further advance in its missio to pursue cutting-edge scientific research.

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In 2011, the Ministry of Spain with responsivities in Science and Innovation launched the prestigious Severo Ochoa Centers of Excellence program, aiming to identify the top research institutions in the country and allocate dedicated funding for them to conduct cutting-edge research for a period of four years.

In the inaugural edition, ICFO was among the first eight centers to receive this prestigious distinction. Over the following years, the Institute successfully renewed this recognition two more times, earning it for a second and third term.

Now, the Ministry of Science, Innovation, and Universities has announced the awarded institutions that will receive the Severo Ochoa Centers of Excellence grant for a new term. The selected institutes listed as awardees include **ICFO** together with other renowned entities such as the National Cancer Research Center (CNIO), the Institute of Marine Sciences

(ICM), the Donana Biological Station (EDB), the Catalan Institute of Chemical Research (ICIQ), the Institute of High Energy Physics (IFAE), the Donostia International Physics Center (DIPC), the Madrid Institute of Materials Science (ICMM), and the Barcelona School of Economics (BSE).

With more than ?75 million of total funding allocated to the new Severo Ochoa Centers of Excellence and eight Maria de Maeztu Units of Excellence to promote science and thus recognize the scientific impact and international leadership of these facilities, the Minister **Ms Diana Morant** stated that i¿½the Government of Spain is promoting and strengtheni g science like never before to ensure it is of higher quality and at the service of our country a d society as a whole

" The awarded centers and entities were selected through an international scientif c committee constituted by researchers of top international stature, thus guaranteeing n independent process. ICFO, CNIO and BSE have been the three institutions that ha e renewed their accreditation for the fourth consecutive time in this batch, a remarkab e achievement that highlights their drive and dedication to excellence and frontier researc