

Understanding adult neurogenesis through neural stem cells and their niches: a tribute to José Manuel García Verdugo

Darwin Hall, Burjassot Campus (University of Valencia)

Monday, May 18th, 2026

Program

Morning

9:15 – 9:30 | Registration

9:30 – 9:55 | Institutional Opening

Dr. Ismael Mingarro (Dean, Faculty of Biological Sciences – University of Valencia)

Dr. Enrique Font Bisier (Cavanilles Institute of Biodiversity and Evolutionary Biology – University of Valencia).

10:00 – 10:40 | Opening Lecture – Dr. Arturo Álvarez-Buylla (University of California San Francisco, USA)

“Remembering a cherished friend: comrade of many scientific battles”

10:40 – 11:10 | Coffee Break

11:10 – 11:40 | Talk 1 – Dr. Vivian Capilla-González (Andalusian Center for Molecular Biology and Regenerative Medicine, Spain) and Dr. Vicente Herranz-Pérez (University of Valencia)

“What remains after: a personal reflection”

11:45 – 12:25 | Talk 2 – Dr. Eric Huang (University of California San Francisco, USA)

“Disentangling angiogenesis in prenatal human brain: a tribute to Dr. José Manuel García Verdugo”

12:30 – 13:10 | Talk 3 – Dr. Arantxa Cebrián-Silla (University of California San Francisco, USA)

“A neural stem cell relay in the V-SVZ: from apical to non-apical progenitors, inspired by the vision of José Manuel García Verdugo”

13:10 – 13:15 | Morning Session Closing

13:30 – 15:30 | Lunch

Afternoon

15:30 – 16:05 | Talk 4 – Dr. Mercedes Paredes (University of California San Francisco, USA)

“The wonders of the developing human brain: the genius of José Manuel García Verdugo”

16:10 – 16:45 | Talk 5 – Dr. María José Ulloa-Navas (Mayo Clinic in Florida, USA)

“From inspiration to innovation: a tribute to Prof. García-Verdugo through CAR-TIL therapy for glioblastoma”

16:50 – 17:00 | Closing remarks, acknowledgments, and group photo