

PRESS RELEASE

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«More than ever, committed to a sustainable future.»

***Miquel A. Pericàs, ICIQ Director, believes chemistry is key
to solve the huge global issues of our society.***

- The political change in the US creates insecurity among the scientific community.
- Miquel A. Pericàs, ICIQ Director, advocates for research lines that solve current global needs like climate change or the development of renewable sources of energy.
- ICIQ focuses in state-of-the-art research lines towards a more sustainable future.

The scientific community fears the changes that may happen after the political changes in the White House. Trump's cabinet includes climate change deniers and anti-vaxxers. In these circumstances, **ICIQ maintains its commitment to investigate and develop solutions for a more sustainable future.**

All of ICIQ research lines have something in common: they tackle the biggest issues our society faces. Thus, we investigate methods to recuperate and recycle carbon dioxide to reduce the amount of this greenhouse gas in the atmosphere; we develop new artificial photosynthesis devices; we design innovative catalysts that allow cheaper, more efficient industrial processes; and we study sources of energy and renewable fuels that pollute less than carbon and oil.

Miquel A. Pericàs, ICIQ Director, finds that “since the creation of ICIQ in 2004, sustainability has evolved naturally to become the heart of our research. Chemistry allows us to improve our quality of life by finding cleaner forms of energy and new, renewable raw materials.”



About the Institute of Chemical Research of Catalonia (ICIQ)

ICIQ is member of the *Barcelona Institute of Science and Technology* and one of the most prestigious chemistry research centres worldwide. 19 research groups work on catalysis (improvement and discovery of more efficient chemical reactions, sustainable processes and drug design) and renewable energy (water splitting, photovoltaics, transformation of CO₂ into fuels and materials). ICIQ is a Severo Ochoa Excellence Centre, has been awarded 14 European Research Council (ERC) grants and 9 of their researchers are ICREA professors.

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