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## **Dr MERITXELL HUCH - Winner of the Hamdan Award for Medical Research Excellence**

**Grand ceremony in DUBAI on December 14**

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H.H. Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid al Maktoum, Deputy Ruler of Dubai, the UAE Minister of Finance and the Patron of the Award, will honor Dr. Huch in a grand ceremony to be held in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, on 14 December, alongside with 14 prestigious personalities and organizations from USA, France, Australia, United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, and Morocco.

'Dr. Meritxell Huch's research is focused on the contribution of stem cells to the regeneration of adult liver and pancreas tissues as well as on the development of organoid cultures for these endodermal organs (stomach, liver and pancreas). She has established a new culture system that maintains the self-renewal status of liver stem cells in vitro, while differentiation towards functional liver cells can be induced by modulating key signaling pathways', as mentioned in a report recently issued by the Hamdan Medical Award.

Beside Dr. Huch, 2 US scientists won the Hamdan International Award for Medical Research Excellence namely; Professor Sanford Markowitz, Case Western Reserve University, School of Medicine, Cleveland Ohio, for the topic of Colon Disorders, and Professor David Tuveson, Deputy Director of the Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Cancer Centre, New York, for the topic of Pancreatic Diseases.

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