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CV SUMMARY

I have > 20 years' experience on multidisciplinary carotenoid research acquired at Universidad de Sevilla (Spain), University of Liverpool (UK, Dr. Britton's lab), Royal Holloway University of London (UK, Dr. Fraser and DR. Bramley's lab) and USDA Human Nutrition Research Center on Aging at Tufts University (Boston, USA, Dr. Wang's lab). I have been the recipient of very competitive grants and awards and have published over 100 papers. I serve in the editorial board of 6 journals and assist diverse governments and the European Commission in the assessment of R+D+I activities. For more information please see: www.linkedin.com/in/AntonioJMeléndez-Martínez

INVOLVEMENT IN ICS'S ACTIVITIES AND CAROTENOID COMMUNITY WORK

I joined the ICS during the Symposium held in Okinawa (Japan) in 2008. I am the first recipient of the G. Britton award for Young Investigator and was also elected Fellow of the Society in 2017. From 2012 through 2016 I coordinated an Iberoamerican network (IBERCAROT) for research for cooperation. This involved stakeholders from 16 countries and was highlighted by the Ibero-American Programme for Science, Technology and Development for its future impact in the socioeconomic development of Iberoamerica (<http://www.cytod.org/es/ibercarot>). From 2017 through 2020 I coordinated a European network (EUROCAROTEN, www.eurocaroten.eu) involving stakeholders from 38 countries. As coordinator of these international networks I have been involved in the organization of workshops, training schools and conferences. Besides, I have contributed to create important synergisms and in the training of the future leaders of the field. We have also been involved in educational activities for the general citizenship, for instance informative videos about the importance of carotenoids (https://www.youtube.com/channel/UChq4_AE2vUiEArSt4SZQNjw).

As a Councilor I will continue working actively towards all the objectives of the society. Particularly I will help involve in our meetings and activities new emerging scientists that are conducting excellent research that in some cases go unnoticed. I think I would be a good representative for Europe and Iberoamerica (a traditionally under-represented region in the Council) and the Food Science and Technology field.