



Alliance for Biomedical Research in Europe

Dear Colleagues,

It is with great sadness that we learned of the death of Prof. Jose Mariano Gago on April 17, 2015. He will be very much missed.

Prof. Gago was member of the Advisory Board of the Alliance for Biomedical Research in Europe and had been an Advisor to ECCO before for several years. He provided strategic advice and helped the organisation design an action plan in research policy. His advice, energy and political wisdom have been fundamental to the BioMed Alliance and helped achieve its goals, in particular the Scientific Panel for Health.

He served as Minister of Science and Technology (later Science, Technology, and Higher Education) in 1995-2002 and 2005-2011. As Minister, he cultivated the extraordinary growth of Portugal's scientific and technological achievements in the last two decades. His emphasis on the internationalization and modernization of Portuguese research institutions was matched with his support for the popularization of science in Portugal through primary and secondary science education and the creation of a network of science and technology museums.

Prof. Mariano Gago was a thinker and an effective promoter of European science and international collaboration. His unique legacy and dedication for the development of knowledge, science and the scientific culture worldwide will continue to inspire us to promote excellence in health and biomedical research at EU level.

Kind regards, sincerely,

Prof. Karin Sipido

President of the Alliance for Biomedical Research in Europe