

Madrid, 7 de Junio de 2007

Querido Profesor Pich:

Me complace informarle que, siguiendo la recomendación del Comité Científico, la Comisión Gestora Consolider ha propuesto la financiación del programa de investigación N° 21117 que Usted lidera. Mi más sincera felicitación por ello.

*De las 42 solicitudes que superaron la primera fase se propone la financiación de 27.*

*Su propuesta ha sido calificada con 85 puntos sobre 100, siendo la puntuación de corte de 65.*

*La cuantía total propuesta por la Comisión Gestora, para el total de los cinco años de ejecución previstos, es de 10.000.000 euros.*

Le incluyo a continuación un documento que contiene la evaluación de su solicitud por parte del Comité Científico que puede resultarle de ayuda en el desarrollo futuro del Programa. Esta evaluación será remitida a la Comisión de Seguimiento como elemento de la valoración futura del cumplimiento del Programa.

Finalmente, quiero agradecerle su participación en una convocatoria importante, entre otras muchas razones, por su naturaleza tan competitiva.

Un cordial saludo:

Violeta Demonte,  
Directora General de Investigación

**Centre for Particle and Nuclear Physics**

This is a very ambitious project for a national centre of particle, astroparticle and nuclear physics with a very high quality. Similar centres already exist in several countries in Europe, and have given rise to important advances in this field in each of those countries. The involved scientists have high international standards, as it can be objectively measured by standard scientific indicators. The coordinator is a world leader in particle physics (phenomenology). He is assisted as co-ordinator by one of the most experienced experimentalists in the country. The quality of the groups is remarkable, and they include a significant number of researchers with excellent international reputation. The proposed subjects are timely and important, and given the experience and the records of the groups they are realistic and viable. By this concerted effort the HEP/Astrophysics/Nuclear Physics communities will eventually bridge the gap separating the Spanish scientists from the major countries in this area. The funding of this project will probably lead to a true leap forward in Spain's impact in those fields.

The following remarks should be taken into account. First, dispersion of resources should be avoided, something which can be achieved by defining clear priorities that need to be defined at an early stage. Second, the Scientific Advisory Committee should be appointed and constituted at the beginning of the project, and not in 2010, since it should help through the setting up phase of the centre.