

Interview

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1. Could You Please Tell Us Briefly about Yourself? How Did You Get to Where You Are Today?

I studied at the University of Navarra where I did my PhD on lime mortars in historical monuments. In Paris, at IFROA, I followed the ICCROM course on non-destructive or micro-destructive methods for the analysis of artworks. I then returned to the University of Navarra where I am Professor of Inorganic Chemistry and head the Materials & Cultural Heritage group.

2. What Made You Interested in Your Research Field in the First Place?

My thesis supervisor, Prof. Antonio Martín, who was particularly interested in getting to know the "poor sister" of monuments and historic buildings, which was mortar.

3. Can You Share Your Career Development Story with Us? For Example, What Cases Have Influenced You the Most?

The day-to-day interest in research shared with my colleagues. It would be unfair to omit anyone, but there are very prestigious colleagues with whom and from whom I have learned a lot, such as Dr. Rosário Veiga, Prof. Papayianni, Dr. Carlos Rodríguez Navarro, Dr. Martínez-Ramírez, etc.

4. Could You Please Share with Us Some Hot Topics or Cutting-edge Technologies in Your Research Field?

Design of bio-based materials; energy-efficient materials; compatible materials for restoration of Built Heritage.

5. Do You Have Any Suggestions or Recommendations for Young Scientists?

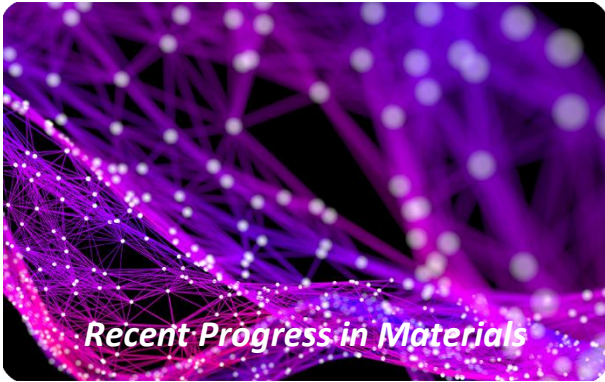
Perseverance, restlessness and the capacity for reflection: always ask yourself why.

6. What Are the Recent Research Trends that You, as a Scholar, Would Suggest *Recent Progress in Materials* to Observe and to Follow?

I don't think there is a single formula, but I would support serious and rigorous work on different types of materials, not just those that are "in fashion".

7. What Do You Think of the Future of *Recent Progress in Materials*, an Open-access Journal?

I wish the journal the best of luck, and I hope that its open nature will allow for the dissemination and exchange of knowledge in different fields.



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