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Dr Matias-Guiu, distinguished with the Josep Trueta Award for Scientific Research

■ The Professor at the Faculty of Medicine and Director of IRB Lleida received the award on the 26th May

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Xavier Matias-Guiu, Chair in Anatomic Pathology at UdL and Head of the Pathological Anatomy Service at Arnau de Vilanova Universtiy Hospital, received the Josep Trueta Award for Scientific Research granted by the Medical Sciences Academy of Catalonia and the Balearics. The event took place at 8 p.m. at the institution's venue in Barcelona. This award distinguishes a researcher's career in the area of health sciences during the last five years that has resulted in one or more international scientific publications. It is the first time that the Academy confers this award to a UdL member. Matias-Guiu combines his teaching and hospital work with the scientific direction of the Lleida Biomedical Research Institute (IRB



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Matias-Guiu with the Anatomic Pathology at UdL

Lleida). The pronouncement of the Josep Trueta Award 2009 distinguishes Dr. Matias-Guiu's career in the field of the Molecular Pathology in gynaecologic and endocrine cancer, making an emphasis in the quality of his research in endometrial cancer.

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