

Iberian Peptide Meeting (EPI)

The Iberian Peptide Meeting (Encontro Peptídico Ibérico/Encuentro Peptídico Ibérico, EPI) dates back to April 1988, when several scientists from Spain (F. Albericio, D. Andreu, M. T. García-López, R. González-Muñiz, A. Negro, E. Nicolás) coincided at an Eucchem meeting on Peptides in Port Camargue, near Montpellier. Over lunch and a few nightcaps shared with H. Maia, a chemistry professor from Braga, Portugal, they decided it was high time to have a meeting of peptide scientists in the Iberian Peninsula. They agreed that such a meeting would, at least for a start, skip a high-profile format and favor instead an inclusive formula that gave graduate students and postdocs a chance to sharpen their presentation skills before familiar, well-disposed listeners rather than the imposing audiences of larger meetings. Albericio and Andreu volunteered to organize the first edition, which was held the next fall in the relatively spartan settings of a youth hostel in Cabrera de Mar, on the coast north of Barcelona. With participants from Barcelona, Braga, Girona, Madrid and Valencia in an encouraging turnout, a second edition was planned for the following year in the Madrid area, organized by researchers from the University of Madrid and the CSIC. Then came meetings in León (1991), Gandía (1993)... and the rest, as it is said, is history (see table below). From those modest beginnings, EPI has evolved over three decades to become the showcase for an entire generation of peptide-focused scientists from Portugal and Spain to divulge results, weave alliances and, more importantly, build up long friendships. It now ranks among the best established, longest-running regional meetings in the context of the European Peptide Society (← LINK to <http://www.eurpepsoc.com/>)

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Edition	Year		Venue	Chair(s)
1	1988		Cabrera de Mar	F. Albericio, D. Andreu
2	1989		Cercedilla	J. P. Albar, M. Bruix, J. V. Sinisterra
3	1991		León	A. Negro
4	1993		Gandía	B. Celda
5	1996		Girona	E. Bardají
6	1998		El Escorial	M. T. García-López, R. González-Muñiz, R. Herranz
7	2000		Valencia	E. Pérez-Payá
8	2002		Barcelona	M. Royo, E. Nicolás, I. Haro
9	2004		Porto	H. Maia
10	2006		Zaragoza	C. Cativiela, A. I. Jiménez
11	2008		Santiago de Compostela	J. L. Mascareñas, M. E. Vázquez
12	2010		Lisboa	M. Castanho, N. Santos
13	2012		Alicante	J. Villalaín, A. Ferrer-Montiel
14	2014		Bilbao	O. Millet
15	2016		Porto	P. Gomes
16	2018		Barcelona	D. Andreu