

**The Institute of Molecular Pathology and Immunology of
the University of Porto (IPATIMUP, see www.ipatimup.pt)
creates
The Mina J. Bissell Award**

As the crowning conclusion of the Symposium on Frontiers in Cell Migration in Cancer, organized by the University of Porto Graduate Program in Areas of Basic and Applied Biology (GABBA, see gabba.up.pt), the Directors of the Program decided to honor Dr. Mina J. Bissell, the key note speaker at the Symposium (see attached flyer), by creating an award with her name, yesterday, January 21st 2008.

A small sculpture in the form of a medal designed by the Portuguese sculptor Zulmiro de Carvalho (see Wikipedia entry) consists of an outer circle with a number of mobile rectangular units that enable the outer circle to stand in various positions, a fitting symbol of the lifetime contributions made by Dr. Mina J. Bissell to strengthen the importance of context in the development of cancer. The outer circle can be said to represent Context.

Dr. Mina J. Bissell was the first scientist to receive the award which has a name inscribed in the outer circle area.

In addition, Dr. Mina Bissell was asked to give the first Mina J. Bissell Award to a remarkable non-scientist woman, president of the recently created Champalimaud Foundation (see www.fchampalimaud.org) solely dedicated to medical research, having cancer research as one of its two arms of scientific activity.

Mina J Bissell's Award will be given every two years to a scientist who, like Dr. Mina Bissell has a devoted, successful, lifetime research career that has transformed our perception of a topic.



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Symposium

Frontiers in cell migration in cancer

IPATIMUP - Porto, January 21, 2008

- 9.30-9.45** Welcome
Manuel Sobrinho Simões, Porto
- 9.45-10.15** "An old dream comes true: questions to those who are answering them"
Maria de Sousa, Porto
- 10.15-11.00** "Illuminating the metastatic process"
Erik Sahai, London
- 11.00-11.30** Coffee break
- 11.30-12.15** "Why do tumor cells need new avenues? For feed or for travel?"
Sérgio Dias, Lisboa
- 12.15-13.00** "Who signals them? More on mammary cell migration"
Fernando Schmitt, Porto
- 13.00-14.15** Lunch
- 14.15-15.15** "How do I learn to invade? Asks the cancer cell"
Key note speaker: Mina Bissell, Berkeley
- 15.15-16.00** "How are pathologists catching up with cancer cell travel?"
Carlos Cordon Cardo, New York
- 16.00-16.30** Coffee break
- 16.30-17.30** "One answer: The pre-metastatic niche"
David Lyden, New York
- 17.30-18.15** General Discussion
Maria de Sousa, Fátima Carneiro and José Castro Lopes, GABBA
- Short break for change of focus
- 18.30-19.30** Opening Lecture of the GABBA 07/08
"A glimpse into the future of translational research in cancer in Portugal"
Leonor Beleza, The Champalimaud Foundation

Registration before January 11 by sending email to: gabba@ipatimup.pt
Registration fee: 25 euros

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