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RECOGNITION FOR OUTSTANDING YOUNG ANIMAL WELFARE SCIENTIST

Dr Pol Llonch wins prestigious UFAW Award

Dr Pol Llonch, a Researcher with the School of Veterinary Science at the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Spain has been awarded the Universities Federation for Animal Welfare (UFAW) Young Animal Welfare Scientist of the Year Award in recognition of his exceptional contribution to the field of animal welfare.

Dr Llonch was nominated for the award by his supervisor, Professor Xavier Manteca, who said: *“Pol’s work has not only been innovative but also very practical. He is full of new ideas and has both a wide and deep knowledge of the field of animal welfare as well as a genuine interest to make a real difference to the welfare of animals.”*

Dr Llonch has an impressive track record of more than 20 papers in peer-reviewed journals. He began his career working on the welfare of pigs being stunned using gas mixtures and he has since worked on a range of animal welfare topics affecting a variety of species, including the electrical stunning of mammals and fish and indicators of welfare in sheep. He has also shown enthusiasm and skill at teaching animal welfare science, and it is a credit to him that he has excelled at this already.

Amongst the letters of recommendation which accompanied his nomination by Professor Manteca was one from Professor Laura Green of the University of Warwick who said: *“Pol is committed to animal welfare and is developing a suite of scientific expertise to address several key aspects of farm animal welfare. I have no doubt he is a future leader in his field.”*

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Dr Llonch was presented with his award at UFAW's 2017 International Symposium which was held at Royal Holloway, University of London, from 27th-29th of June.

Dr Robert Hubrecht, UFAW's Chief Executive who presented the award said: *"Dr Llonch has made an excellent start to his career, working on the welfare of animals at slaughter, an area of animal welfare that often does not attract enough attention."*

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Note to editors:

The UFAW Young Animal Welfare Scientist of the Year Award is to recognise the achievements of young scientists who have made significant contributions to improving the welfare of animals. It is open to postgraduate students, anywhere in the world, currently studying for a doctoral degree or who are within six years of the end of their PhD

The Universities Federation for Animal Welfare (UFAW) is an internationally recognised, independent scientific and educational animal welfare charity. It works to improve knowledge and understanding of animals' needs in order to achieve high standards of welfare for farm, companion, research, captive wild animals and those with which we interact in the wild.

UFAW improves animal welfare worldwide through its programme of awards, grants and scholarships; by educational initiatives, especially at university and college level; by providing information in books, videos, reports and in its scientific journal *Animal Welfare*; by providing expert advice to governments and others, including for legislation and 'best practice' guidelines and codes; and by working with animal keepers, scientists, vets, lawyers and all those who care about animals.

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