

The Foundation and Medical Research

Dr. Ramon Pla Armengol was an eminent pneumologist disciple of Dr. Turró of the Hospital of St. Paul. He founded together with the veterinary Joaquín Ravetllat the Instituto Ravetllat-Pla, and devoted his efforts to the research of anti-tuberculosis drugs, and some of them were commercialized in more than 20 countries.

In compliance with the wishes of the founder one of the purposes of the Foundation is the support of medical research especially in the respiratory area. Advised in the scientific field by the entity BRN (Barcelona Respiratory Network), the Foundation has established annual grants for the research in this area of medicine.



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Ramón Pla Armengol*

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History and Activities

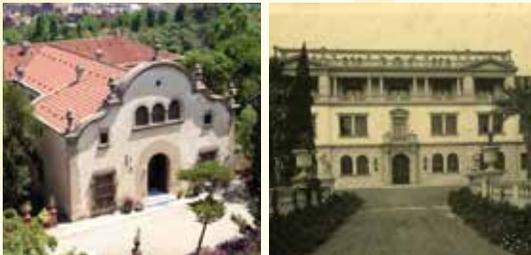


*Dra Nuria Pla Monseny
(founder)*

Dr Ramón Pla Armengol

The Foundation Ramón Pla Armengol is a non-profit organization. It was created “post mortem” in 2011 by Dr. Nuria Pla Monseny in memory of her father Dr. Ramón Pla Armengol, a physician, scientist, and a pioneer of the pharmaceutical industry in Catalonia.

The purposes of this institution are fostering Christianity by means of charity activities, conservation and promotion of her collection of Spanish furniture, and supporting medical research.



Front view of the house and pharmaceutical laboratories

The Foundation’s headquarter is located in the ancient house/pharmaceutical building owned by Dr. Nuria Pla in Avda Virgen de Montserrat 114. In February 2015, the area surrounding the house (almost 4 hectares) was donated to the City of Barcelona to be used as Public Park. This allows to maintain a green zone in the city, as it was the desire of the founder.

Christian Projects- Charity Activities

The Foundation, according to the last wishes of its founder and following a careful selection and monitoring process, contributes with financial support to a variety of projects of charity and social work institutions. So far, the Foundation has provided financial support to a high number of NGOs and hospitals, as well as to missionary religious institutions. Also in this sense, it has contributed to the construction of the Sagrada Familia Church.

Within this purpose the Foundation collaborates annually with Càritas for the campaign “Entidades Con Corazón” and with the institution “Ayuda a la Iglesia Necesitada” AIN. Worth mentioning is the support to AIN for the projects of building 15 classrooms in Iraq to provide school to children displaced by the war, as well as to re-building houses for the people returning home after the ISIS war.



*Project Help Iglesia Necesitada, Iraq
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The Collection of Nuria Pla

Dr. Nuria Pla Monseny (1916-2011) was a multifaceted and modern personality for her time. With a high business sense took over the Company Instituto Ravetllat Pla, founded by her father and Joaquin Ravetllat, and continued the commercial and scientific activities until 1980.

Her passion for fine arts and culture led her to accumulate a large collection of Spanish antiques, mainly furniture from the 16th to the 19th centuries, located at her home and the former Instituto Ravetllat Pla. This collection of more than 800 pieces is the result of more of sixty years of personal search, study and restoration that places Nuria Pla as one of the most admirable collectors. Of especial importance is the collection of Spanish file cabinets (bargueños) and chests being the most comprehensive worldwide.

La Foundation is progressively rehabilitating the building and opening exhibition rooms to present to the public this important collection.



Entrance hall to exhibition rooms