

## **Prof. ROSA MENÉNDEZ**

Spanish scientist who began her scientific career at National Institute of Coal, INCAR-CSIC, in Oviedo, with a recognized contribution in the area of carbon materials. One of her last lines of research was focused on the prospects offered by graphene in biomedicine and energy storage.

She is currently President of the CSIC (since 2017), being the first woman to chair this institution, and Vice President of Science Europe. She was also Vice-President of Scientific and Technical Research at CSIC (2007-2008), Institutional Coordinator of CSIC in Asturias, Cantabria and the Basque Country and Director of INCAR (2003-2008). She has also held positions of responsibility in national and international organizations such as the Presidency of the European Carbon Association, the coordination of the Materials and Energy Program of the National R&D&I Plan, member of the National Commission for the Evaluation of Research Activity, member of the Governing Council of the Spanish Research Agency, President of the Spanish Carbon Group, among others; as well as in advisory boards of the industrial sector, such as the multinational SASOL or NalonChem.

As a result of his research work, she has published more than 200 papers in international journals and she owns 9 patents. She has been recognized with numerous awards such as the XIX DuPont Award, the Shunck Carbon Award, the Scientific Career Award from the Spanish Association of Materials, the Award for Chemical Excellence granted by the General Council of the Official Associations of Chemists of Spain and the Silver Medal of the Principality of Asturias in 2019, among others.