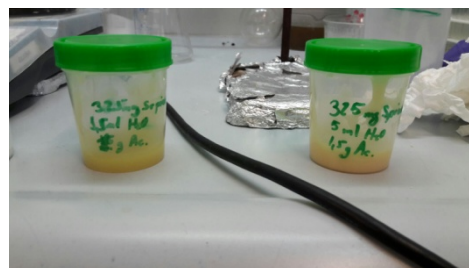


News of The Group (2017) noted by Elena.



The year faced with expectation new chemical results and fascinating opportunities to host new researchers in the group, motivated by the catalytic organoboron chemistry.

In addition to our fundamental projects we were asked to develop a project for Maystar SA in the cosmetic field and we recruited Ricardo Maza from the University of Malaga to carry out the challenging objectives. He had to work under "non classical conditions" to prepare samples that were "in situ" tested in the lab....That was the best part of the project!



The group was happy to host Carlota Odena and Oriol Salvador for 2 months from June-2017 to perform extra-curricular practicum. They demonstrated to be hard workers and very patient with the large purification columns.

Early in June I visited Janssen at Beerse (Belgium) to give a talk to a medicinal-chemical audience. The experience was tremendously positive in terms of sharing synthetic protocols of applied interest, where C-B bonds may have a role!. Next I traveled to Toulouse as an invited speaker at the Université-Paul Sabatier, and I found there very good friends to talk about the impact of main group elements and catalysis, of course! Did I mentioned that it was almost as hot as in Tarragona.....



By the end of June I joined the Bienal of Sitges.... That was great chemistry / views on the sea.



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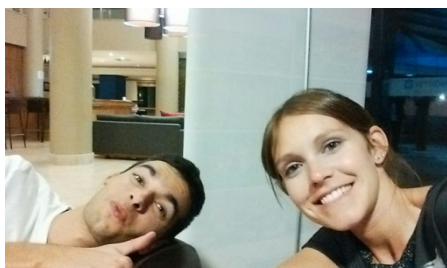
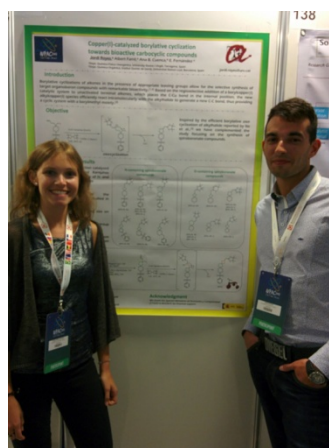
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July also brought me to Paris to attend the PBSi-meeting. I loved to see big names on the field and learn about common interests in the organoboron chemistry and organo-P and organo-Si chemistry. Within the same month and probably as a probe of concept... I participated in a panel in Córdoba on the hottest day of the year (46°C) giving the following day a talk at CIQUS in Santiago de Compostela at 15°C... No doubts, I survived the contrast thanks to the lovely food.....

Núria and Jordi represented the group at the IUPAC Meeting July-2017 that was held in Sao Paulo-Brazil. They both contributed with their relative works concerned to the copper mediated borylation reactions with special emphasis in the selectivities. Looking at their faces I guess they enjoyed the Brazilian "chemical" atmosphere as well as.... some caipiríña!

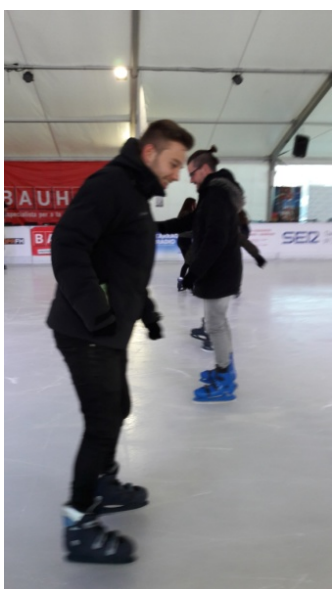


In July, Marc García-Civít defended his Thesis and the juree was providing him a cum laude merit as he deserved it. At the same period Albert completed his Master project and he presented the results obtaining a great mark. Congratulations to both!!!! I heard that the party was excellent!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!





In September Jordi joined Janseen-Toledo to develop his second year of PhD applying the organoboron chemistry from the group in particular target compounds of medicinal value. The stay is supervised by Dr. A. Trabanco and Dr. J. A. Vega in a great platform to develop new ideas and specific routes. Apparently Jordi was settled very well in that lovely town.



In September we were very honoured to welcome Lorena García from the University of the Basque Country and Elliot Davenport from Edinburgh University to carry out several applications of the transition-metal-free borylation reactions! We found that they were great chemists and fantastic persons, contributing to progress in the challenging chemistry with lovely atmosphere! THANKS for being here. Soon later Jana joined the group as she started the Master Project. At that time I can only say that Jana-Lorena made a strong team together with Ricardo-Elliot (the girls and the boys of the lab).

Also in September I went to Sheffield University to give a talk in a super well organized symposium by CoSSHNet ITN Network, on Advances in Boronic Organic Chemistry joining industry and academy partners. As always, every time I go to UK I feel like in my second home!



In November I was honoured with the National Award to Excellence in Research-2017 by the Real Sociedad Española de Química. I found the moment endearing and I dedicated the Prize to my Parents and my Group, because they are the real protagonist of it. Few weeks later, also in Madrid I culminated that moment with a related talk at the Universidad Aut. Madrid.



By the end of the year and when all the group leaved to their relative homes / countries for Christmas I looked at the horitzon and I said to myself how fortunate I am sharing my working days with so talented and nice people.



And this is Núria's turn!!! Now she is ready to defence her Thesis and become a great DOCTOR, For the agenda..... February the 23rd will be the day and probably the super party.

I have to say that she has been an extraordinary and diligent PhD, just as an example I would like to mention that she was pursuing the transition-metal-free borylation of allylic alcohols with discipline and rigor, and she succeeded where others failed!

