

## **Guidelines for Thesis Exams at ICIQ**

Ph. D. Students are responsible for a very important part of the research carried out at ICIQ. Doctors in Chemistry are our top product, and the act of Thesis presentation and defense is one of the most important events taking place at the Institute. In spite of this, attendance to Thesis exams by Group Leaders and members of the research groups has importantly decreased over the time.

To favor attendance, the following principles could be followed in Thesis defenses at ICIQ:

a) The Thesis presentation (ca. 45-50 min) should be considered as a regular ICIQ seminar; attendance by Group Leaders and by other members of the ICIQ scientific community is highly encouraged.

At the beginning of this part of the event, the Chairman of the Jury could introduce the other members and, even, make a brief presentation of the candidate.

After the presentation, it should be normal that an applause closes this part of the event, like in a regular seminar.

b) Once the presentation is complete, the possibility of scientific questions posed by the audience (ca. 5-10 min) would be given, as in a regular seminar. Participation of the ICIQ community in this part of the event should be encouraged.

c) When no more questions are posed, the Chairman will introduce a break in the session, to allow that those do not willing to attend the examination part of the event could leave the hall. The Chairman should also instruct those deciding to stay that, once the examination part begins, no one will be allowed to leave the lecture hall.

d) Examination part: This part of the event should be restricted to 45-60 min. The members of the examination jury should be informed in this sense.