



CEREMONIAL

SOLEMN ACADEMIC CEREMONY TO MARK THE
FEAST OF ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

INVESTITURE OF PAUL MOCKAPETRIS, PhD,
AS DOCTOR *HONORIS CAUSA*

AWARDS FOR OUTSTANDING DOCTORAL RESEARCH

COMMENCEMENT DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY



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PROGRAM

- 11:00 Reception of authorities in the vestibule of the Rectorado & Consejo Social Building. Elche Campus
- 11:25 Entrance of Academic Procession
Choral performance (UMH)
- 11:30 Start of the Academic Ceremony
Choral performance (UMH)
Solemn investiture of Paul Mockapetris, PhD,
as Doctor *Honoris Causa*
Choral performance (Colegio Sagrado Corazón de Alicante)
Awards for outstanding doctoral research
Choral performance (Colegio Sagrado Corazón de Alicante)
Commencement Doctor of Philosophy
Choral performance (Colegio Sagrado Corazón de Alicante)
Speeches
Choral performance (UMH)
- 1:30 Wine reception



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- 1) The authorities will be received at 11:00 a.m. in the vestibule of the Rectorado & Consejo Social Building.
- 2) The University Senate will form the Academic Procession in the vestibule of the Rectorado & Consejo Social Building at 11:20 before entering the Auditorium.
- 3) As the procession enters, those in attendance will rise. The Miguel Hernandez University of Elche choir will perform *Canticorum júbilo* by G. F. Handel.

The procession members will take their places and the presiding table is set up. Remain standing as the UMH choir performs *Veni Creator Spiritus*.

- 4) Following the hymn, the Rector will say, **“DOCTORS, PLEASE BE SEATED, AND COVER YOURSELVES IF YOU WISH.”**
- 5) The chairperson will say, **“THIS SESSION IS HEREBY OPENED. THE INVESTITURE OF PAUL MOCKAPETRIS AS DOCTOR *HONORIS CAUSA* BY THE MIGUEL HERNANDEZ UNIVERSITY OF ELCHE WILL PROCEED. THE REGISTRAR WILL BE SO KIND AS TO GO AND ACCOMPANY THE DOCTOR *HONORIS CAUSA* AND HIS SPONSOR, PROFESSOR MARTINEZ BONASTRE, TO THIS SENATE.”**

The Registrar, preceded by the beadles, will exit in search of the Doctor *Honoris Causa* and his sponsor.



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- 6) As the procession enters, the Senate and guests will rise. The Doctor *Honoris Causa* and his sponsor, in academic dress, preceded by the Registrar, will make their way to the space set aside for them for this purpose and be seated.
- 7) The Rector will say, **“THE REGISTRAR WILL NOW ANNOUNCE THE RECTORAL DECREE NAMING PAUL MOCKAPETRIS DOCTOR *HONORIS CAUSA* BY THE MIGUEL HERNANDEZ UNIVERSITY OF ELCHE.”**
- 8) The Registrar will proceed by reading the Rectoral Decree.
- 9) The Rector will say, **“THE SPONSOR OF THE DOCTOR *HONORIS CAUSA* WILL NOW DELIVER THE *LAUDATIO*.”**
- 10) Professor Martínez Bonastre will deliver the *laudatio*, finishing with the words, **“AND WITH THAT STATED, I REQUEST TO PROCEED WITH THE INVESTITURE OF PAUL MOCKAPETRIS AS DOCTOR *HONORIS CAUSA* BY THE MIGUEL HERNANDEZ UNIVERSITY OF ELCHE.”**
- 11) The Rector will say, **“THE SOLEMN INVESTITURE OF PAUL MOCKEPETRIS AS DOCTOR *HONORIS CAUSA* WILL PROCEED”** (the Doctor *Honoris Causa*, accompanied by his sponsor, will take his place before the Rector).
- 12) The Rector will say, **“SIR, I, THE RECTOR, BY THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME, CONFER UPON YOU THE TITLE OF DOCTOR *HONORIS CAUSA* BY THE MIGUEL HERNANDEZ UNIVERSITY OF ELCHE. I HEREBY PLACE THE CEREMONIAL CAP, A DISTINCTIVE SYMBOL OF SPANISH HIGHER EDUCATION. WEAR IT AS THE CROWN OF YOUR EDUCATION AND MERITS”** (places it on his head).



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- 13) The Rector will continue, **“YOUR SPONSOR WILL PRESENT YOU WITH THE REMAINING ATTRIBUTES OF YOUR HONORS. RECEIVE FIRST THE BOOK OF SCIENCE AND WISDOM, WHICH YOU MUST CULTIVATE AND SPREAD TIRELESSLY SO THAT YOU REMAIN AWARE THAT, HOWEVER GREAT YOUR TALENTS MAY BE, YOU MUST ALWAYS MANIFEST REVERENCE, RESPECT, AND EVERY CONSIDERATION TOWARD YOUR INSTRUCTORS, WHO WERE YOUR PREDECESSORS”** (the sponsor will present the Book of Science and Wisdom).

“RECEIVE THE ANCIENT RING, A SYMBOL OF THE BOND BETWEEN YOU AND KNOWLEDGE. IT REPRESENTS THE SYMBOL OF THE PRIVILEGE OF SIGNING AND SEALING OPINIONS, CONSULTATIONS, AND CENSURES OF YOUR SCIENCE AND PROFESSION” (the sponsor will present the ring).

“FINALLY, RECEIVE THE WHITE GLOVES, A SYMBOL OF THE PURITY YOUR HANDS MUST CONSERVE AND ALSO A SIGN OF YOUR HIGH STATUS” (the sponsor will present the gloves).

- 14) Next, the Rector will say, **“I INVITE THE NEW DOCTOR *HONORIS CAUSA* TO TAKE AN OATH.”**

- 15) The Registrar will read the following oath: **“DO YOU SWEAR BY YOUR CONSCIENCE AND HONOR TO BE LOYAL TO THE MIGUEL HERNANDEZ UNIVERSITY OF ELCHE, TO DEFEND AND OBSERVE ITS HONOR, TO MAINTAIN THE ORDER OF ITS SEATS AND AUTHORITIES, TO ABIDE BY ITS CURRENT AND FUTURE STATUTES, AND ENTIRELY**



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ASSUME THE OBLIGATIONS OF THE STATUS WITHOUT CEDING THEM TO ANY OTHER PERSON?"

- 16) The Doctor *Honoris Causa* will say, **"I WILL."**
- 17) Once the oath has been administered the Rector will say, **"ESTEEMED DOCTOR, I ADMIT AND INCORPORATE YOU INTO THE SCHOOL OF DOCTORS OF THE ACADEMY WITH ALL THE HONORS, FREEDOMS, EXEMPTIONS, AND PRIVILEGES THAT OTHER DOCTORS WITHIN THE UNIVERSITY AND IN ANY OTHER PART OF THE WORLD ENJOY OR MAY ENJOY. RECEIVE THE EMBRACE OF FRATERNITY BY THOSE WHO ARE HONORED AND CONGRATULATORY TO BE YOUR BROTHERS, SISTERS, AND COLLEAGUES"** (the Rector and sponsor embrace the Doctor *Honoris Causa*).
- 18) When everybody has returned to their places, the choir of the Colegio Sagrado Corazón-Hermanos Maristas de Alicante will perform *Far away* (Yuko Ohigashi).
- 19) The Rector will say, **"HIS EXCELLENCY, DOCTOR *HONORIS CAUSA* PAUL MOCKAPETRIS, PhD, NOW HAS THE FLOOR."**
- 20) The new Doctor *Honoris Causa* will give his speech.
- 21) The Rector will say, **"THE REGISTRAR WILL ANNOUNCE THE RECTORAL DECREE GRANTING AWARDS FOR OUTSTANDING DOCTORAL RESEARCH."**
- 22) The Registrar will announce the decree.



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- 23) The Rector will say, **“PROCEED TO THE AWARDING OF DIPLOMAS.”**
- 24) The Registrar will announce the names of those receiving awards, and they will approach the presiding table to receive their diplomas.
- 25) The choir of the Colegio Sagrado Corazón-Hermanos Maristas de Alicante will perform *Respiras y yo* (Kesia).
- 26) Next, the Rector will say, **“THE VICE RECTOR FOR RESEARCH AND INNOVATION, PROFESSOR FERNANDO BORRÁS ROCHER, HAS THE FLOOR TO PRONOUNCE THE *LAUDATIO* FOR THE NEW DOCTORS OF PHILOSOPHY.”**
- 27) The Vice Rector for Research and Innovation, Professor Fernando Borrás Rocher, will then pronounce the *laudatio* for the new doctors of philosophy.
- 28) The Rector will say, **“THE REGISTRAR WILL NAME THE NEW DOCTORS OF PHILOSOPHY BY THE MIGUEL HERNANDEZ UNIVERSITY OF ELCHE WHO HAVE EARNED THE DEGREE DURING THE 2011/12 ACADEMIC YEAR. THEY WILL COME ON STAGE ACCOMPANIED BY THEIR RESPECTIVE SPONSORS.”**
- 29) The new doctors will go on stage to be named and remain alongside their sponsor.
- 30) Each sponsor places the cap on their heads, and once the white gloves and diploma have been presented, embraces them. The doctors return to their seats to take their oath.



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- 31) The Rector, addressing the new doctors, will say, **“PLEASE RISE. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I, THE RECTOR, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME, CONFER ON YOU THE TITLE OF DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY BY THE MIGUEL HERNANDEZ UNIVERSITY OF ELCHE. I HEREBY PLACE THE CEREMONIAL CAP, A DISTINCTIVE REVERED SYMBOL OF THE HIGHEST SPANISH ACADEMIC ORDER. WEAR IT AS THE CROWN OF YOUR EDUCATION AND MERITS AND REMAINING ATTRIBUTES OF YOUR HONORS.”**
- 32) Next, the Rector will say, **“I INVITE THE NEW DOCTORS TO TAKE AN OATH.”**
- 33) The Registrar will read the following oath, **“DO YOU SWEAR BY YOUR CONSCIENCE AND HONOR TO BE LOYAL TO THE MIGUEL HERNANDEZ UNIVERSITY OF ELCHE, TO DEFEND AND OBSERVE ITS HONOR, TO MAINTAIN THE ORDER OF ITS SEATS AND AUTHORITIES, TO ABIDE BY ITS CURRENT AND FUTURE STATUTES, AND ENTIRELY ASSUME THE OBLIGATIONS OF THE STATUS WITHOUT CEDING THEM TO ANY OTHER PERSON?”**
- 34) The doctors will say, **“I WILL.”**
- 35) Once the oath has been taken the Rector will say, **“ESTEEMED DOCTORS, I ADMIT AND INCORPORATE YOU INTO THE SCHOOL OF DOCTORS OF THE ACADEMY WITH ALL THE HONORS, FREEDOMS, EXEMPTIONS, AND PRIVILEGES THAT OTHER DOCTORS WITHIN THE UNIVERSITY AND IN ANY OTHER PART OF THE WORLD ENJOY OR MAY ENJOY. RECEIVE THE EMBRACE OF FRATERNITY BY**



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THOSE WHO ARE HONORED AND CONGRATULATORY TO BE YOUR BROTHERS, SISTERS, AND COLLEAGUES.”

- 36) The choir of the Colegio Sagrado Corazón-Hermanos Maristas will perform *Caresse sur l'océan* (Bruno Coulais).
- 37) Next, the Rector will give his speech.
- 38) All will stand and remain in their corresponding places as the UMH choir performs the university anthem, *Gaudeamus Igitur*.
- 39) Immediately afterwards, the Rector will say, **“THIS SESSION IS HEREBY ADJOURNED.”**
- 40) The Academic Procession will leave in the reverse order from which it entered.



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