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Mara Dierssen is medical doctor (1985) and PhD in Neurobiology (1989). She heads the Cellular and Systems Neurobiology group of the Systems Biology program at the Centre for Genomic Regulation (CRG) in Barcelona. Her overall goal is to understand the cellular and molecular mechanisms underlying neurodevelopmental disorders. Dr. Dierssen has received several awards for her work in intellectual disability including Ramón Trias Fargas, Jaime Blanco, Trifermed Social Impact of Healthcare Award, or Sisley-Lejeune awards and the National Science Culture Award from the Generalitat de Catalunya. Dr. Dierssen is president of the Trisomy 21 Research Society, past-president of the Spanish Society of Neuroscience, and the International Behavioral and Neural Genetics Society, and was executive committee member of the Federation of European Neuroscience Societies (FENS). She is also member of Editorial Boards and evaluator of different Scientific Committees and Boards such as ERC, Spanish Ministry of Science, and EC. Member of the Academia Europaea and the European DANA Alliance for the Brain Distinguished Alumni University of Cantabria, and Honorary Member of the College of Medicine. She was Associated Professor of the University of Cantabria and the University Ramon Llull in Barcelona.