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Maria del Mar Bonet will, in October, become the third doctora honoris causa of the UdL

The Majorcan singer and song writer will become the third woman to receive this academic distinction from the UdL, at an act which will be held on the 28th of October. The Governing Council has also agreed to grant the doctorat honoris causa award to the North American pneumologist Richard W. Light

The Majorcan singer and song writer Maria del Mar Bonet will be given the award doctora honoris causa of the UdL on the 28th of October. Today, the Governing Council has approved this investiture as well as that of the North American pneumologist Richard W. Light, noted for his dedication and contributions to investigation into pleural illnesses.

Maria del Mar Bonet will therefore become the third woman to receive this academic distinction after the Belgian lawyer Eliane Vogel-Posky and the pianist Alicia de Larrocha. Since 1967 when she started singing with "Els Setze Jutges", Bonet has gradually become an unquestionable reference in the Catalan music scene, itself always constantly changing. Apart from making the traditional songs from the islands and verses from the Majorcan poets popular, Bonet has experimented and collaborated with different musicians and professionals from all over the world for example Alan Stivell, Milton Nascimento, Zülfü

Livaneli, George Moustaki, Jackson Browne, Miguel Poveda, Ovidi Montllor and Lluís Llach, among others. The Saint Jordi Cross in the year 1984, the National Music prize from the Generalitat of Catalunya in 1992 and the Ramon Llull Prize in 1999, the Majorcan musician was awarded the Medal of Honour from the Catalan Parliament in 2007 in recognition of her work during the time with "Els Setze Jutges". During this year her latest solo piece, Terra Secreta, commemorates 40 years of her professional life.

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Richard Light, teacher of Medicine at the University of Vanderbilt, in Nashville (USA), is well-known for his Light criteria, written 35 years ago and still valid. These guidelines are indispensable in the initial diagnosis of patients with pleura. As well as pleural illnesses, Light has also worked with asthma, chronic lung diseases and sleep disorders. He has collaborated with the Pleural pathology Group of the UdL, lead by José Manuel Porcel, since 2002.

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