



**ACADEMY CEREMONY FOR THE AWARDING OF THE TITLE  
OF DOCTOR HONORIS CAUSA TO DR. PETER HÄNGGI**

*Central Hall of the University of Barcelona, March 17, 2006*

1. The procession enters while the choir of the University of Barcelona and the choir of the Faculty of Physics perform the opening song.

**2. THE RECTOR:**

***THE FORMAL CEREMONY FOR THE INVESTITURE OF  
PROFESSOR PETER HÄNGGI AS DOCTOR HONORIS CAUSA OF  
THE UNIVERSITY OF BARCELONA IS HEREBY  
CONFIGURATED.***

**3. THE RECTOR:**

***THE SECRETARY GENERAL HAS THE FLOOR***

The secretary general reads the act of your nomination as Doctor Honoris Causa of the University of Barcelona.

**4. THE RECTOR:**

***THE DEAN OF THE FACULTY OF PHYSICS, DR. JOAN ANGEL  
PADRÓ AND THE SPONSORING PROFESSOR, DR. MIQUEL  
RUBÍ, ARE REQUESTED TO COLLECT THE AWARD OF THE  
DOCTORAT AND TO ACCOMPANY HIM TO THE CENTRAL  
HALL.***

The dean of the Faculty of Physics and the sponsoring professor leave the central hall in order to fetch the doctorat and accompany him to his seat while the choir of the University of Barcelona and the choir of the Faculty of Physics performs.

**5. THE RECTOR:**

***WELLCOME TO OUR UNIVERSITY, DR. HÄNGGI***



Immediately afterwards:

**6. THE RECTOR:**

***THE SPONSORING PROFESSOR, DR. MIQUEL RUBÍ, HAS THE FLOOR TO PRESENT THE QUALITIES OF HIS NOMINEE.***

Dr. José Manuel Rubí reads his speech from the pulpit.

**7. THE RECTOR:**

***THE DEAN AND THE SPONSORING PROFESSOR ARE REQUESTED TO ACCOMPANY DR. HÄNGGI TO THE PRESIDENT'S TABLE.***

**8. THE RECTOR, pronounces the words of investiture:**

***ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF BARCELONA, AT THE PROPOSAL OF THE FACULTY OF PHYSICS, YOU HAVE BEEN NOMINATED DOCTOR HONORIS CAUSA IN TESTIMONY AND RECOGNITION OF YOUR OUTSTANDING QUALITIES.***

***BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY WHICH HAS BEEN CONFERED ON ME, I AWARD YOU THIS TITLE, AND –AS A SYMBOL- THE DISTINGUISHED BIRETTA, MOST ANCIENT AND VENERATED ATTRIBUTE OF TEACHING PROFESSION, WEAR IT AS THE CROWN OF YOUR MERITS AND STUDIES.***

***RECEIVE THE RING WHICH IT WAS THE HABIT TO OFFER IN ANCIENT TIMES IN THIS ESTEEMED CEREMONY, AS AN EMBLEMS OF THE PRIVILEGE OF SIGNING AND SEALING DICTUMS, CONSULTATIONS AND JUDGEMENTS RELATED TO YOUR SCIENCE AND PROFESSION.***

***RECEIVE ALSO THESE WHITE GLOVES, A SYMBOL OF PURITY WHICH ATE TO PROTECT YOUR HANDS, BOTH BEING SIGNS OF THE DISTINCTION OF YOUR POSITIONS.***



***AS YOU HAVE BEEN ADMITTED TO THIS UNIVERSITY RECEIVE NOW, IN THE NAME OF THIS STAFF, AN EMBRACE OF FRATERNITY FROM THOSE WHO ARE HONOURED AND PLEASED TO BE YOUR BROTHERS, SISTERS AND COLLEAGUES.***

Then they sit in the places indicated.

**9. THE RECTOR:**

**DR. PETER HÄNGGI HAS THE FLOOR**

Dr. Hänggi is accompanied to the pulpit by the dean and the sponsoring professor to deliver his speech. He then occupies a seat at the presidential table.

**10.** The choir of the University of Barcelona and the choir of the Faculty of Physics performs.

**11. THE RECTOR:**

***PROFESSOR HÄNGGI WE ARE HONOURED TO HAVE YOU HERE ALSO AS A SPONSOR OF THIS CLASS OF DOCTORS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF BARCELONA.***

***WE WILL PROCEED TO AWARD THE DOCTOR'S DEGREES.***

***BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY WHICH HAS BEEN CONFERED ON ME, I AWARD YOU THIS TITLE AND I INCORPORATE YOU TO THE STAFF OF THE UNIVERSITY WITH ALL THE HONOURS, LIBERTIES AND PRIVILEGES THAT THE OTHER DOCTORS HAVE.***

***THE SECRETARY - GENERAL HAS THE FLOOR SO AS TO READ THE NAMES OF THE NEW DOCTORS.***



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**12. THE SECRETARY GENERAL:**

***THE NEW DOCTORS ARE REQUESTED TO COME TO THE PRESIDENT'S TABLE.***

**13. DELIVERY OF THE IX CLAUSTRE DE DOCTORS DE LA UNIVERSITAT DE BARCELONA AWARD.**

**14. RECTOR'S SPEECH**

**15. The hymn Gaudeamus Igitur is sung by the choir of the University of Barcelona and the Faculty of Physics.**