

BIOGRAPHY: Sonia Fernández-Vidal

Sonia Fernández-Vidal holds a PhD in Information and Quantum Optics from the Autonomous University of Barcelona. In the past, Sonia has worked as a researcher at some of the world's most prestigious centres such as the European Organization for Nuclear Research (CERN) in Switzerland, Los Álamos National Laboratory in the United States and the Institute of Photonic Sciences in Barcelona.

For several years Sonia has been engaged in presenting scientific knowledge to the public, and her aim is to make science fun, exciting and easy to understand. She is the author of the book *La Puerta de los Tres Cerrojos* (Through the Bolted Door), a novel for both children and adults that leads them into the world of science. With the book, Sandra held a place on the Spanish bestseller list for 9 weeks, the first three print runs selling out within three months and the translation rights into 8 languages being sold within four months. Several prominent international figures have acclaimed her novel, including Nobel Peace Prize laureate Muhammad Yunus, American bestselling author Ken Blanchard, Massachusetts Institute of Technology scientist and futurist Raymond Kurzweil and Spanish bestselling author Alex Rovira.