

Summarized C. Vitae of José Benavente

He got a degree in Geology (1977) and a Ph.D. (1982) in the University of Granada (UGR). He is at present Professor of External Geodynamics (Hydrogeology and Hydrochemistry). He was Director of the Water Research Institute (1999-2001) of the UGR, and then head of its Hydrogeology section. Since 2003 he is the Responsible of the "Water Resources Research Group" in the framework of the Andalusia Autonomous Government Scientific Research Plan.

He has been Main Researcher of Projects of the Spanish National Program, of Scientific International Collaboration Projects of the Spanish Foreign Affairs Ministry and of the Andalusia Government, to name only a few, as well as in many research contracts with public organisms (specially the Geological Survey of Spain) and private consultancy firms working in the field of the Water and the Environment. He has given lectures and conferences in various European universities (Oxford, Berlin, Paris, Lisbon, Gent, Kiel, Sofia, Cagliari, Vilnius) and supervised ten Ph.D. thesis. He has also given lectures in universities of some African and Latin-American countries (Morocco, Tunisia, Argentina, Ecuador, Bolivia, Nicaragua).

From 2004 to 2006 he was Coordinator of the European RTD Project "Sustainable Water Management In Mediterranean Coastal Aquifers: Recharge Assessment and Modelling Issues" (SWIMED, ref. ICA3-CT-2002-10004: V FP) which involved the participation of partners centres from Spain (UB, Barcelona); Italy (crs4, Sardinia), France (ENPT, Toulouse), Switzerland (CHYN, Neuchatel), Morocco (EMI, Rabat), Tunisia (INAT) and Palestine (IU, Gaza).

He has been particularly active in cooperation with foreign university centres in the framework of the Erasmus, Erasmus Mundus and Tempus EU programs for International Cooperation in training and educative issues, as, for instance, the following: QAREM ("Integration of the QA system into the new university reform in Morocco"; 2005-2008), WATER ("Water related advanced training and education for regional needs in Maghreb"; 2010-2014) and the recent (2016-2018) MAGIC ("Regional PhD School based on Innovative HydroPlatform in Water and Environment to Enhance MAGhreb Inter-Research Centres").

He has acted as academic coordinator of the UGR in the Tempus Mundus CASIA Project, and Coordinator (2013-2014) of the UGR Official Master GEORHID (Applied Geology in Civil Engineering and Water Resources Studies). Since 2015 he coordinates the Doctorate Program in "Earth Sciences" of the UGR.