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Professor of Physiology

Prof. Pilar Aranda obtained her Bachelor's Degrees in Pharmacy (1980) and Biological Sciences (1985) from the University of Granada and holds a doctoral degree in Pharmacy (1984).

She teaches at the Faculties of Pharmacy and Sport Sciences, at the "José Mataix Verdú" Institute of Nutrition and Food Technology (INYTA) and at the Sport and Health University Research Institute (iMUDS).

Prof. Aranda was awarded a grant for research and teacher training in the academic year 1981-1982. She was also a Teaching Tutor of practical classes (1982-1986), Assistant Lecturer (1986-1987) and Senior Lecturer (1987-2010). Since 2010, she has been a Professor of Physiology.

She lectured at the Institute of Nutrition of the University of Granada from 1983 to 2006 and on the Master's Degree in Human Nutrition from 2006 to 2016. In addition, she lectured on the Master's Degree in Research in Sport and Physical Activity at the University of Granada from 2010 to 2016.

She was a lecturer on the Master's Degree in Advanced Biotechnology from 2009 to 2015 at the University of Málaga and at the International University of Andalusia, and also taught on the Master's Degree in Research Management of the Iberoamerican University Association for Postgraduate Studies (AUIP) in Colombia, Ecuador and Mexico.

In the research field, she has acted as the principal investigator of 9 projects within the Spanish National Plan for Scientific and Technical Research and Innovation and 2 Development Cooperation projects. Her projects on the quality of life and nutritional, psychosocial and physical activity habits of perimenopausal women are particularly noteworthy. Within this line of research, she has led 2 cooperation projects with women's associations in Morocco. In addition, she has collaborated in 2 EU Framework Programme projects and 8 Spanish National Plan projects.

She has been the principal investigator of 4 research contracts with companies and public bodies, and has collaborated in 5 other similar contracts.

She has 110 JCR-indexed publications, 60 of which are in Q1 journals. Her h-index is 26, 25 of her book chapters are database-indexed (Web of Knowledge) and she has developed 3 healthy lifestyle guides.

In the field of management experience, she was previously a member of the Board of Directors of TALENTIA (Sociedad para el Impulso del Talento-TALENTIA SL) from 2005 to 2008. Furthermore, Prof. Aranda was a member of the Board of Directors of the Centre for Innovation and Technology Transfer (CITA Andalucía) (2007-2009), a member of the Doñana Participation Council (2007), and a member of the Rector's Councils of PAI Research Institutes (1996-2009).

She is also a member of the Spanish Society of Nutrition, the Spanish Society of Physiological Sciences and the Iberoamerican Academy of Pharmacy.

Pilar Aranda has been an evaluator for the IV Spanish National Plan for Scientific and Technical Research and Innovation 2008-2013 of the National Agency for Assessment and Forecasting (ANEP), Ministry Expert; member of the Commission of Health Sciences Chairs of the Spanish National Agency for Quality Assessment and Accreditation (ANECA) (2011-2013), evaluator for innovation projects of the IDEA Agency (Regional Government of Andalusia), member of the Network of Malnutrition in America (CYTEDSalud-Red 207RT0313) and founding member of the Independent Women's Collective in Granada.

In the field of university management, she has held the position of Director of the Student Support Service of the University of Granada (1989-1992) and was appointed Vice-Rector for Students and Employability of the University of Granada (1992-1996); Vice-Chair of the "Distrito Único Andaluz (DUA)" Committee for University Admissions in Andalusia (1993-1996); Secretary of the Andalusian Plan for Research, Development and Innovation (PAIDI) (1996-2005); Secretary of the Commission for Research Incentives of the Regional Government of Andalusia (2005-2008); and Executive Secretary of the Euro-Arab Foundation for Higher Studies (2008-2014).

She was Chair of the Tordesillas Group of Universities of Brazil, Portugal and Spain from 21/11/2017 to 13/11/2018. Likewise, Prof. Aranda was Vice-Chair of the Conference of Rectors of Spanish Universities (CRUE) and a member of its Standing Committee until May 2019. She is the Chair of the board of trustees of the Granada Health Sciences Technology Park (PTS). Since September 2020, she has been a member of the Cervantes Institute.

Aranda was re-elected as Rector of the University of Granada in May 2019.

In the area of citizen participation, she was Chair of the Control Committee of Caja Granada from January 2011 to June 2014; Director of the research area of the Alhambra Master Plan between 2007 and 2008; and co-founder and member of the Independent Women's Collective (CIM) and the Association "Granada o Nunca".

She has received significant awards for her professional achievements, including the 2016 Meridiana Award (“Carmen Olmedo” Special Mention from the Andalusian Women’s Institute), conferred by the Regional Ministry of Equality and Social Policies of Andalusia; the 2016 Recognition Award for Women Committed to Equality from the Federation of Independent Commerce Workers (FETICO - Federación de Trabajadores Independientes de Comercio); and an Ad honorem Membership of the Association of Women in Research and Technology for her outstanding contributions to science. She also received the 2017 Clara Campoamor Award from the Spanish Socialist Workers' Party of Andalusia in recognition of her efforts to promote equality and women's rights, as well as the 2019 Sanitaria Award in the category of Pharmacy. The General Military Academy awarded her the Grand Cross of Military Merit on 20 February 2020, and she received the 2020 Menina Award in recognition of her efforts to fight for equality.

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