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Biographical note

BSc in Biology (UB 1965). PhD in Microbiology (UB 1970). Post-doc at the University of California-Davis (1972-1973). Full Professor of Microbiology at the UAB, and director of the Department of Microbiology and later of the Department of Genetics and Microbiology (1975-1988). Full Professor of Microbiology at the UB (1988-2013), Emeritus (2013-present). Adjunct Professor at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst (2001-2019). Dr. HC of the Universidad de Veracruz, Mexico (2019). Fellow of following Academies: the Linnean Society (2002), the American Academy of Microbiology (AAM, 2008), the Academia Europaea (2012) and the Institute for Catalan Studies (1993-present; Scientific Secretary, 2005-2014). Medal Narcís Monturiol to the scientific merit of the Government of Catalonia (2000). Prize of the Foundation F. González Bernáldez (2010). International Prize of the AAM (2015). Vice-President and founder of the Spanish Society for Biotechnology (1988-1996). President of the Spanish Society for Microbiology (2007-2014) and Vice-President of the Confederation of Scientific Societies of Spain (2013-2019). His studies on microbial ecology were pioneers in Europe, where he worked on the photosynthetic anoxygenic bacterial communities of karstic lakes and microbial mats. He has significantly contributed to the understanding of the first ecosystems and the establishment of early life on Earth. As a consequence of his work, he has more than 470 publications on the biochemistry, genetics, and ecology of prokaryotes. Besides his activity in research and teaching at the university, he has worked on different programs and activities on behalf of the communication of science in Spain, Latin America, and the United States, and of the public understanding of science in different countries. He has translated into Spanish and/or Catalan eleven books related to Microbiology. He has directed (Editor-in-Chief) the journal *Microbiología SEM* (1994-1997). He has founded and/or directed two other scientific journals: *International Microbiology* (1998-2014) and *Contributions to Science* (2011-2018). Currently (2014-present) he is the Academic Director of the Academia Europaea's office for the Mediterranean (AE-Barcelona Knowledge Hub), located in Barcelona.

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