

GOOD PRACTICES IN DOCTORAL SUPERVISION

26-27 June 2018

OBJECTIVES

- Become aware of the new roles of supervisors in the context of the new doctorate.
- Give tools for the early identification of potential conflicts and resolution of the existent ones in the relation between the supervisor and the PhD researcher.
- Develop a culture of the supervision that albeit being productive supports the PhD candidate.
- Help to achieve satisfactory doctoral experiences, for both supervisors and PhD candidates.
- Advocate on the quality, efficiency and excellence of the doctoral education.
- Create a common and generalised research culture.

AGENDA

26 June

9:00 – 10:45 h ***Introduction to the good practices in the supervision.***

10:45 – 11:05 h Coffee break

11:05 – 13:00 h ***Supervision, a multidimensional task.***

13:00 – 14:00 h Lunch

14:00 – 16:00 h ***From the “ideal” to the “real” candidate (I).***

16:00 – 16:20 h Coffee break

16:20 – 18:00 h ***From the “ideal” to the “real” candidate (II).***

27 June

8:30 – 10:30 h ***Supervision, a question of style (I).***

10:30 – 10:50 h Coffee break

10:50 – 12:30 h ***Supervision, a question of style (II).***

12:30 – 13:30 h Lunch

13:30 – 15:30 h ***Problems in the supervision: symptoms, diagnosis and treatment (I)***

15:30 – 15:50 h Coffee break

15:50 – 17:30 h ***Problems in the supervision: symptoms, diagnosis and treatment (II)***

TRAINERS

The group of trainers for the professionalization of doctoral supervision of the Universitat Rovira i Virgili (URV), Tarragona, Spain, was established in 2015, and designed and taught the training programs for doctoral supervisors and doctoral candidates at URV. Since then, they have been giving workshops about *Good practices in Doctoral Supervision*, addressed to doctoral supervisors, and about *Get the most of your PhD to become an independent researcher: Tricks of the Trade*, addressed to doctoral candidates, not only at URV, but also at other universities in Spain (Universitat de Barcelona, Universidad de Salamanca, Universidad de La Laguna, Universitat de Vic, Universidad de Mondragon), Andorre (Universitat d'Andorra), and Latinamerica (Universidad del Valle, Cali, Colombia; Universidad Autónoma de Tamaulipas, Ciudad Victoria, Mexico).

In 2016, they organized the First Tarragona Think Tank on PhD supervisory training: challenges and good practices, with the participation of 19 trainers about doctoral supervision belonging to 12 different European Universities.

Their publications about Doctoral Supervision include:

- J.J. Carvajal, M.E. García, M. Reguero, M. Valverde, *Further developing doctoral supervisión training in Europe* in **The Doctoral Debate**, EUA-CDE, May 2018, <http://eua-cde.org/the-doctoral-debate/9:further-developing-doctoral-supervision-training-in-europe.html>
- J.J. Carvajal, M.E. García, M. Reguero, M. Valverde, editors, **Good Practices in Doctoral Supervision**, Tarragona, Spain, *Publicacions URV*, 2017, ISBN: 978-84-8424-653-4
- J.J. Carvajal, M. Figueras, M.E. García, M.M. Reguero, M.J. Rodríguez, M. Valverde, *Internationalization of the URV's doctoral training model* in **Comprehensive internationalisation at the URV**, p.p. 53-62, Tarragona, Spain, *Publicacions URV*, 2017, ISBN: 978-84-8424-584-1

- **Mireia Valverde Aparicio**

Dr. Mireia Valverde is a Full Professor in Human Resource Management at the Business Management Department of the Universitat Rovira i Virgili, where she has worked in different capacities since 2000. She studied at the University of Barcelona, University of Limerick (Ireland) and Cranfield University (UK) and has worked at different universities in Ireland and Catalonia.

She has published 50 scientific papers in internationally ranked journals and 15 research book chapters and reports. She has received 6 prizes for outstanding research at national and international level. She has participated in over 20 research projects at local, national and international level, and has been the principal researcher in half of them. Dr. Valverde has been a Research Visiting Fellow on two occasions at Cornell University and has carried out shorter research and teaching visits to 5 other universities. She is the associate editor of *Business Research Quarterly* (JCR, IF 1,375) and a member of the editorial board of 2 other journals. She has an h index of 14.

At the URV, Dr. Valverde has acted as the Coordinator of the Management section (2002-06, 40 teaching staff), Assistant Director of the Business Management Department (2004-06, 140

teaching staff) and its Director (2006-09, 150 teaching staff). In terms of managing research projects, apart from those mentioned above, she has been the principal researcher of the Spanish team of the Global Call Center Research Project (2004-09) and of her research group FHOM (2009-14). Beyond the URV, Dr. Valverde has been the Vice-president (2012-14) and President (2014-16) of the Human Resource Management Section of ACEDE, the Spanish Association of Management professors.

- **Joan J. Carvajal Martí**

PhD in Chemistry (2003) by Universitat Rovira i Virgili (URV), Tarragona, Spain. He worked as a Fullbright postdoctoral researcher at the State University of New York at Stony Brook, USA (2004-2006).

He joined the Department of Physical Chemistry and Inorganic Chemistry of URV as a Ramon y Cajal researcher (2006-2011), and since then is Associate Professor at the same department.

His teaching activity includes several degrees (Chemistry, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Biotechnology, Oenology, Engineering and Architecture) and masters (Nanoscience, materials and processes; Tools for the professional development at the industry; Training of high-school teachers). He has supervised 6 PhD thesis, all of them awarded with Cum Laude mention.

He is the vice-dean of the Faculty of Chemistry of URV since 2015. Previously, he was Academic Secretary of the Dpt. of Physical and Inorganic Chemistry (2011-2015). He has participated in several innovation projects and is involved in different dissemination actions developed by the Faculty of Chemistry of URV (scientific fairs, demonstrations, courses and conferences for high schools and life-long learning associations, etc.).

Dr. Carvajal is a member of the Physics and Crystallography group of Materials and Nanomaterials (FiCMA-FiCNA) of URV. His research in the Materials Science field is focused on developing new luminescent materials for biomedical sensor applications. He has published more than 200 scientific papers in international indexed journals and book chapters. He is also co-author of 1 patent. He has been invited to pronounce invited talks at several international conferences and has been part of the organizing committee of several others.