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1. PRESENTATION

The Research Institute for Sustainability Science and Technology of UPC - BarcelonaTech promotes, coordinates and carries out academic and research activities in the fields of sustainability science and sustainable technologies at UPC.

The Institute’s mission is to generate technical and conceptual tools to create a more sustainable production and development model and to collaborate in the UPC’s endeavour to provide scientific and technical support for human, social, cultural and economic progress.

The ISST.UPC is active in higher education, research and innovation, technology transfer and promotion of sustainability culture.

Its main objectives are as follows:

- Opening up sustainability research to UPC groups and researchers, by coordinating and promoting multi and trans-disciplinary research projects.
- Organizing and promoting specific postgraduate courses and degrees (Master’s degrees, PhD programmes and other specialized teaching activities) directly linked with the UPC research in the fields of sustainability science and sustainable technologies.
- Disseminating the results of the research carried out at the IS.UPC, both to the university community and to the society as a whole, and sparking discussion about it.
- Encouraging the commitment and interaction of the UPC within society, and encouraging UPC’s support of civic demands for promoting progress towards more sustainable development models.
1.1. LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

The Institute for Sustainability Science and Technology (IIST.UPC) is a catalyst for excellent interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary research across Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya that is working for global sustainability.

Today, our institute assembles more than 200 professionals, including staff scientists, postdocs, PhD students, technicians, general research support staff and administrators, devoted to the well-functioning of ISST.UPC. Despite the difficult economic situation that our country is currently facing, the ISST.UPC has maintained its dynamisms, transforming, adjusting and improving to continue performing excellent science and attracting public and private competitive funding, both from national and international sources.

This Annual Report covers the activities of ISST.UPC from September 2015 to August 2016. During this period, main efforts have focused on consolidating an interdisciplinary academic space within the UPC community to face the challenges of sustainable human development through science progress and technology innovation. The integration of economic, environmental and social aspects of technology, architecture and engineering, as well as the reference points of closing of cycles and systemic thinking, are some of the distinctive characteristics of the Institute research focus. Academic excellence, strategic international and local networking, and a trans-disciplinary approach to knowledge creation and dissemination are other key characteristics the Institute.

The ISST.UPC has its own Master degree in Sustainability Science and Technology (2 years – 120 ECTS). Besides the PhD studies in Sustainability. (98 PhD students). With 11 PhD dissertations read in this academic year.

Finally, I would like to highlight the national and international recognition that our institute is achieving in sustainability science, with many of the research groups that constitute an outstanding international reference in their areas of expertise.

I would like to express my profound gratitude to the whole of the ISST.UPC personnel, at every professional level for their dedication, motivation and enthusiasm!

Jordi Segalàs, director
2. ORGANIZATION STRUCTURE

2.1. ORGANIZATION CHART

Institute Board

Institute Council

Academic Committee PhD in Sustainability

Academic Committee MSc in Sustainability

Government Bodies

Consultative Bodies

2.2. INSTITUTE BODIES

Single-member bodies

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<td>Martí Rosas Casals</td>
<td>Deputy Director</td>
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2.3. COLLEGIATE BODIES OF GOVERNMENT AND REPRESENTATION

Institute Board

SEGALÀS CORAL, Jordi
ROSAS CASALS, Martí
VILLARES JUNYENT, Miriam
ÀLVAREZ DEL CASTILLO, Xavier
DE PABLO RIBAS, Joan
JOSA GARCÍA-TORNEL, Alejandro
MAGRINYÀ TORNER, Francesc
MORATÓ FARRERAS, Jordi
PÉREZ FOGUET, Agustí
ROCA BOSCH, Elisabeth
ROCA ROSELL, Antoni
TRULLOLS FARRENY, Enric
VELO GARCIA, Enrique
TEJEDOR PAPELL, Gemma
LAZZARINI, Boris
ANLEHU CASTELLANOS, Elsy Gabriela
LANDA, Julen

Director
Subdirector
Secretària acadèmica

Research trainees
Research trainees

Students’ representative 1st year (2015 - 2016)
Students’ representative 2nd year (2014 - 2015)
Institute Council

SEGALÀS CORAL, Jordi
ROSAS CASALS, Martí
VILLARES JUNYENT, Miriam
TEJEDOR PAPELL, Gemma
LAZZARINI, Boris
LANDA, Julen
ÀLVAREZ DEL CASTILLO, Xavier
ALCARAZ SENDRA, Olga
CUCHÍ BURGOS, Albert
DE PABLO RIBAS, Joan
ESCRIBANO RODRIGUEZ DE ROBLES, Beatriz
GIBERT OLIVERAS, Karina
JOSA GARCÍA-TORNEL, Alejandro
MORATÓ FARRERAS, Jordi
PÉREZ FOGUET, Agustí
RIBA ROMEVA, Carles
ROCA BOSCH, Elisabeth
ROCA ROSELL, Antoni
SUREDA CARBONELL, Barbara
TRULLOLS FARRENY, Enric
VELO GARCÍA, Enrique
XERCAVINS VALLS, Josep

Director
Vice-director
Academic Secretary
Researchers Staff
Administration Staff
Students’ representative
2.4. COLLEGIATE BODIES FOR CONSULTATION

Academic Committee of the Master in Sustainability Science and Technology

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Academic Committee of the PhD program in Sustainability

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2.5. TEAM

2.5.1. TEACHING

2.5.1.1. Professors teaching in the Sustainability Science and Technology Master:

- Agustí Pérez Foguet
- Albert Cuchí Burgos
- Albert Folch Sancho
- Àlvar Garola
- Anna Pagès Ramon
- Arcadi de Bobes Picornell
- Elisabet Roca Bosch
- Eusebi Jarauta Bragulat
- Eva Vidal Lopez
- Francesc Magrinyà Torner
- Jesús Bairan
- Joan de Pablo Ribas
- Jordi Morató Farreres
- Jordi Segalàs Coral
- Jose Maria Gil Roig
- Josep Mercadé Aloy
- Karina Gibert Oliveras
- Lucia Fernandez
- Marc Alier Forment
- Maria Jose Casañ Guerrero
- Maribel Ortego Martinez
- Martí Rosas Casals
- Miquel Sànchez-Marrè
- Miren Etxeberria Larrañaga
- Miriam Villares Junyent
2.5.1.2. PhD program in Sustainability

UPC researchers responsible for the mentoring and/or supervising of doctoral theses (2015/2016) were:

AGUADO, Antonio  
ALIER FORMENT, Marc  
ÀLVAREZ DEL CASTILLO, Xavier  
ALVAREZ DEL CASTILLO, Maria Dolors  
BACARDIT, Anna  
BOSCH, Ricard  
CADAFAŁCH, Jordi  
CARRILLO, Fernando  
CÔNSUL, Ricard  
CREMADES OLIVÉ, Lázaro  
CUCHÍ, Albert  
DE LA FUENTE ANTEQUERA, Albert  
DE FELIPE, José Juan  
DE PABLO RIBAS, Joan  
DOMENECH LEGA, Bruno  
ESCRIBANO, Beatriz  
FERRER MARTÍ, Laia  
FONSECA I CASAS, Pau  
FUERTES PÉREZ, Pere  
GARCÍA ALMIÑANA, Jordi  
GARCÍA CARRILLO, Águeda  
GARRIDO, Núria  
GIL, José María  
JOSA GARCÍA-TORNEL, Alejandro  
KALLAS, Zein  
LÓPEZ, David  
MAGRINYÀ, Francesc  
MAYORGA, Miguel  
MONTON LECUMBERRI, Joaquin  
MONTSERRAT, José  
MORATÓ, Jordi  
OLLÉ OTERO, Luis  
ORTEGO, Maribel  
PÉREZ, Agustí  
PONS PUIGGRÓS, Lluis  
QUERA MIRO, Manel  
RIBA, Carles  
ROCA ROSELL, Antoni  
ROCA, Elisabeth  
RODRÍGUEZ CANTALAPIEDRA, Inmaculada  
ROSAS, Martí  
RUÍZ, Rafael  
SEGALÀS, Jordi  
TORRES, Antonio Luis  
TRULLOLS FARRENY, Enric  
VELO, Enrique  
VIDAL, Eva  
VILLARES, Miriam  
XERCAVINS, Josep
### 2.5.2. UNDERGRADUATE TRAINEES

Number of master students:

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### 2.5.3. POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS

Number of postgraduate scholarships in academic year 2015 - 2016:

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3. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

A description of ISST.UPC financial accounts for the fiscal year 2015 is summarized in this section.

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS

2015-16 OPERATIONAL INCOME (EUR)

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<td>Competitive Projects</td>
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OPERATIONAL INCOME

ISST.UPC INCOME 15-16

2016 OPERATIONAL OUTCOME (EUR)
El ApS por tanto, tendrá dimensiones de investigación, sensibilización y formación buscando la generación de vínculos entre ciudad de BCN y los territorios afectados por las infraestructuras gasísticas, con un enfoque crítico y de justicia social hacia la incidencia política.
4. TEACHING

4.1. MASTER’S DEGREE IN SUSTAINABILITY SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

The master’s degree in Sustainability Science and Technology aims to provide students with advanced interdisciplinary training to facilitate understanding of interactions between society, the economy and the environment. Graduates will also have a sound understanding of scientific and technical options and trends for tackling key challenges for the sustainable development of current socio-environmental systems.

The course will train students to become entrepreneurs and agents of change in the field of sustainable development. Based on their specialisation in areas related to biodiversity, the environment, the built environment, services, the production system and information management, graduates will be able to design, implement and evaluate sustainable solutions in different fields of engineering and technology. Graduates will work in various cultural and professional contexts, applying a transdisciplinary approach based on scientific and technical rigour.

This master’s degree has received the International Master’s Programme distinction (2013 call) awarded by the Government of Catalonia’s Agency for the Management of University and Research Grants (AGAUR).

The Master in Sustainability Science and Technology was validated by the Universities Council’s Curriculum Validation and Accreditation Committee in July 2013.

Courses offered in academic year 2015-2016:

**Mandatory courses**

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<td>Fundamentals of Economics, Environmental Economics and Ecological Economics</td>
<td>José María Gil</td>
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<td>Fundamentals of Engineering, Sustainability and Development</td>
<td>Agustí Pérez</td>
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<td>Fundamentals of Mathematical and Systemic Sustainability Modelling</td>
<td>Martí Rosas</td>
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<td>Fundamentals of Applied Statistics and Sustainability and Development Measurement</td>
<td>Agustí Pérez</td>
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<td>Fundamentals of Social Sciences and Approaches to Socio-Environmental Conflicts</td>
<td>Míriam Villares</td>
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<td>Fundamentals of Geosciences and Geographic Information Systems</td>
<td>Xavier Sánchez</td>
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<td>Fundamentals of Ethics, Business and Innovation</td>
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<td>Fundamentals of Sustainable Management and Environmental Management Systems</td>
<td>Santiago Gassó</td>
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<td>Research-Action Workshop on Sustainability Science and Technologies</td>
<td>Jordi Segalàs</td>
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Elective courses

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<td>Miren Etxeberria</td>
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<td>Urban Metabolism and Ecological Urbanism (2)</td>
<td>Francesc Magrinya</td>
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<td>Information and Communication Technologies</td>
<td>Eva Vidal</td>
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<td>Núria Miralles</td>
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<td>Joan De Pablo</td>
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<td>Biodiversity and Socio-Ecological Systems (2)</td>
<td>Jordi Morató</td>
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<td>F. Magrinyà</td>
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<td>Francesc Magrinya</td>
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<td>Karina Gibert</td>
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(1) Subjects taught in English language. Exams can be taken in Catalan, Spanish or English

Defended TFM’s

- Transdisciplinary improvement on an isolated living model (2015-10)
- Life cycle assessment of waste management system (2015-10)
- Urban water: harvesting rainwater at household level to improve the current water metabolism in Cuenca, Ecuador (2015-10)
- Análisis de las relaciones sociales; percepción y uso del espacio urbano en promociones residenciales con muros Ciegos (2015-10)
- Análisis bajo criterios energéticos y sostenibles de un centro docente en Les Franqueses del Vallès (2015-10-14)
- Evaluación ambiental de un proyecto tradicional vs un edificio de consumo casi nulo, analizando cuando la energía de los materiales será más alto que el uso de energía durante la vida (2016-02)
- Uso de agua gris y agua pluvial en desarrollos urbanos de alto poder adquisitivo en México (2016-06-16)
- Conocimientos tradicionales: Etnobotánica de las mujeres en los huertos de la localidad de San José de Rincón, Puebla, México (2016-06-30)
Applying quantitative methods to the analysis of coastal risk governance and perception in Catalonia (2016-06-30)

Indicadores cualitativos ambientales y socio-espaciales para el análisis urbano aplicado al estudio de la movilidad urbana, en la ciudad de Hermosillo, Sonora (México) (2016-06-30).

### 4.2. DOCTORAL PROGRAM IN SUSTAINABILITY

Sustainability research involves specialists from different origins and backgrounds with a variety of disciplinary perspectives but with the common will to contribute to the development of society by providing future generations with the options and skills required to forge their own path.

The doctoral programme in Sustainability encompasses the research and courses that deal with the current challenges to sustainability: exhaustion, distribution and management of natural resources, including energy and water; climate change impacts and adaptation and mitigation mechanisms; modelling of socio-environmental systems and assessment of their evolution and development; poverty and imbalances in urban and rural environments; technological innovation and integrated concepts in construction, architecture and management of public services and the environment; and preservation and promotion of environmental and cultural heritage.

Sustainability science and technology is a highly interdisciplinary field of research that offers the opportunity to make original contributions in understanding and solving problems that affect the welfare and development of peoples and societies, and in shaping a new perspective from which to analyse our reality, integrating approaches from different disciplines and embracing the very agents of change.

This programme, in which highly diverse research lines and fields of interest converge, may benefit from cross-disciplinary exchange between the different research lines. For this reason, in addition to the activities in which each research group is involved, a framework for discussion of research in progress is provided in the form of the Research Monitoring and Support Working Session. This session is held every academic year and is open to all doctoral candidates and lecturers who are interested in sustainability science and technology.

The doctoral programme in Sustainability was validated by the Universities Council’s Curriculum Validation and Accreditation Committee, in accordance with the provisions of Royal Decree 99/2011, of 28 January, regulating official doctoral studies. The first academic year under Royal Decree 99/2011 was 2013-14.
# PhD in Sustainability – Facts & Figures 2015-16

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4.3. DOCTORAL PROGRAM IN ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING

The doctoral programme in Environmental Engineering provides doctoral students with advanced training and a high capacity for research in the field of environmental engineering, that is, having a knowledge and understanding of the impacts on the environment, both derived from human activities and natural processes, with the ability to evaluate the interactions between them, and the ability to propose and define possible actions to protect and recover the environment.

This programme is a multidisciplinary training framework in an international context that allows doctoral students to obtain the scientific, methodological and technical skills to address the challenges of innovation and research that society demands in the field of environmental engineering. It can be considered the first doctoral programme in Environmental Engineering imparted in Spain. Additionally, it has the purpose of increasing internationalization and quality requirements defined by the "mention to excellence" of the PhD program in Environmental Engineering.

The doctoral degree in Environmental Engineering has been an interdepartmental programme since May 1999. The Institute for Sustainability Science and Technology, which began to contribute to the programme in the 2011-2012 academic year, manages the programme and provides coordination support.

On 15 November 2013 was announced in the Official Gazette of the Spanish Government the validation of the doctoral degree in Environmental Engineering by the Universities Council's Curriculum Validation and Accreditation Committee, in accordance with the provisions of Royal Decree 99/2011, of 28 January, regulating official doctoral studies.

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5. DISSERTATIONS

5.1. DOCTORAL PROGRAM IN SUSTAINABILITY

5.1.1 PhD theses read during academic year 2015 - 2016

**Tollin, Nicola**
*Thesis title:* A Resilience Transition for Sustainable Urban Development: A process design methodology to support participatory decision making
*Supervisor:* Alvarez del Castillo, Javier
*Reading date:* 17/12/2015

**Vargas Collazos, Monica**
*Thesis title:* Proyectos territoriales antagónicos y anticooperación simbólica en las megainfraestructuras sudamericanas
*Supervisor:* Alvarez del Castillo, Javier
*Reading date:* 01/02/2016

**Vallejo Rojas, Virginia Beatriz**
*Thesis title:* ACTIVE TRANSFORMATIVE PATHWAYS FOR LOCAL AGRI-FOOD SYSTEMS. Drawing and applying an integrated framework to assess vulnerability of agri-food systems under the political paradigm of food sovereignty in a case study in Ecuadorian Andes
*Supervisor:* Rivera Ferre, Marta Guadalupe | Ravera, Federica
*Reading date:* 15/09/2016

**Saporiti, Giovanna Francesca**
*Thesis title:* Sopravvivere alla città. Valutare il neoecosistema resiliente nella relazione tra l’acqua e la forma urbana
*Supervisor:* Cuchí Burgos, Alberto | Scudo, Giovanni
*Reading date:* 02/11/2016

**Poli, Elena**
*Supervisor:* Serra Devesa, Teresa
*Reading date:* 26/01/2016
Pinzón Botero, María Victoria

**Thesis title:** La "práctica aplicación" de la sostenibilidad ambiental en el ordenamiento territorial urbano. Propuesta conceptual y metodológica para ciudades medias-intermedias de Colombia. El caso de: Palmira, Tuluá y Buga. Colombia

**Supervisor:** Velásquez Barrero, Luz Stella | Alvarez del Castillo, Javier

**Reading date:** 09/06/2016

Pascual Pellicer, Jordi Martí

**Thesis title:** Directrices energéticas integrales en edificios de oficinas transparentes (TOBEE)

**Supervisor:** Garrido Soriano, Nuria

**Reading date:** 14/01/2016

Masseck, Torsten Andreas

**Thesis title:** Teaching Sustainability: Living Labs in Architecture. A framework proposal for Living Lab eco-systems for teaching, research and innovation in the field of sustainable architecture and ESD in higher education. Specific case study: Living Lab LOW3 (UPC - BarcelonaTech)

**Supervisor:** Cuchí Burgos, Alberto

**Reading date:** 05/02/2016

Londoño Linares, Juan Pablo

**Thesis title:** Modelización de problemas ambientales en entornos urbanos: deslizamientos de tierra en ciudades andinas

**Supervisor:** Felipe Blanch, Jose Juan

**Reading date:** 03/02/2016

Llistar Bosch, David

**Thesis title:** Anticooperación Norte Sur. Cuando la coherencia es más importante que la ayuda. El caso de Ecuador y la "cooperación" española

**Supervisor:** Subirats Humet, Joan | Alvarez Del Castillo, Javier

**Reading date:** 29/01/2016

Landeros Suárez, Arturo

**Thesis title:** Conocimiento y percepción ambiental sostenible en la arquitectura del desarrollo de la agroindustria. Casos de estudio Argentina y Paraguay.

**Supervisor:** Alvarez Del Castillo, Javier

**Reading date:** 05/02/2016
### 5.1.2 Theses proposals and research plans defended during academic year 2015 – 2016

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5.2. DOCTORAL PROGRAM IN ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING

5.2.1 PhD theses read during academic year 2015 - 2016

Spada, Michele

*Thesis title:* Development and evaluation of an atmospheric aerosol module implemented within the NMMB/BSC-CTM

*Supervisor:* Jorba Casellas, Oriol | Baldasano Recio, Jose M.

*Reading date:* 23/11/2015

Silvestre Tormo, Gracia María

*Thesis title:* Sewage sludge anaerobic digestion. Study of synergies and operational strategies of co-digestion

*Supervisor:* Bonmatí Blasi, August | Fernández García, Belén

*Reading date:* 30/10/2015

Flores Baquero, Óscar

*Thesis title:* Development of methods for monitoring the water and sanitation sector at different scales through human rights lenses

*Supervisor:* Pérez Foguet, Agustí | Jiménez Fernández De Palencia, Alejandro

*Reading date:* 09/10/2015

Valverde Morales, Víctor Manuel

*Thesis title:* Characterization of atmospheric pollution dynamics in Spain by means of air quality modelling

*Supervisor:* Baldasano Recio, Jose M. | Pay Pérez, María Teresa

*Reading date:* 08/04/2016

Suárez Silgado, Sindy Sofía

*Thesis title:* Propuesta metodológica para evaluar el comportamiento ambiental y económico de los residuos de construcción y demolición (RCD) en la producción de materiales pétreos

*Supervisor:* Roca Ramon, Xavier

*Reading date:* 04/02/2016

Roig Planasdemunt, Maria

*Thesis title:* Characterization of hydrological processes in a Mediterranean mountain research catchment by combining distributed hydrological measurements and environmental tracers

*Supervisor:* Llorens Garcia, Pilar | Latron, Jérôme

*Reading date:* 27/06/2016
Gutiérrez Martínez, Raquel
Thesis title: Microalgae harvesting in wastewater treatment plants: Application of natural techniques for an efficient flocculation
Supervisor: García Serrano, Joan | Ferrer Martí, Ivet | Uggetti, Enrica
Reading date: 03/05/2016

González Juncà, Arnau
Supervisor: Rius Carrasco, Antoni | Riba Ruiz, Jordi Roger
Reading date: 21/06/2016

Borkel, Christoph
Thesis title: Understanding the mobility of caesium, nickel and selenium released from waste disposal: Chemical retention mechanisms of degraded cement
Supervisor: Bruno I Salgot, Jorge | Grivé Solé, Mireia
Reading date: 21/01/2016

Bori Dols, Jaume
Thesis title: Ecotoxicological bioassays as complementary tools for the risk assessment of contaminated soils
Supervisor: Riva Juan, Maria Carmen
Reading date: 29/06/2016

Banks, Robert Franklin
Thesis title: Assessment of planetary boundary-layer schemes with advanced remote sensing instruments and air quality modelling
Supervisor: Baldasano Recio, José M. | Gassó Domingo, Santiago
Reading date: 21/01/2016

Garcia Almiñana, Daniel
Thesis title: Millores de la Metodologia per al Desenvolupament d’Auditories Energètiques
Supervisor: Cabeza Fabra, Lluïsa F.
Reading date: 01/09/2015
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6. PUBLICATIONS

6.1. SCIENTIFIC PRODUCTION

The research activities and production of ISST.UPC members are included in the following link:

http://futur.upc.edu/ISUPC
7. ACTIVITIES

7.1. RESEARCH SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS


Fecha: 5 de Febrero de 2016

Lugar: UPC Campus Nord

El día 5 de Febrero tuvo lugar en la UPC un seminario en el que se presentaron dos proyectos de investigación llevados a cabo o planificados desde un enfoque del Derecho Humano al Agua y Saneamiento (DHAS). Por un lado, se presentó un proyecto ejecutado en el entorno metropolitano de Barcelona por un grupo de voluntarios del IS.UPC. Los resultados presentados ofrecieron una diagnosis asociada a la realidad de los grupos vulnerables en cuanto al nivel de servicio de agua y saneamiento. Por otro lado, se introdujo otro proyecto que se realizará en los próximos meses en la ciudad de Lima (Perú). El objetivo principal de esta investigación reside en definir un marco conceptual de apoyo a la toma de decisiones en relación a la prestación de servicios de agua y saneamiento y coherente con el enfoque del DHAS.

Spekers: Ricard Giné Garriga, Helena Grau Huguet y Miquel Fàbregas López

No hay enlace web disponible.

Jornada de doctorands (15-16)

Sessió d’obertua del màster (15-16)

- Lliçó inaugural a càrrec de Arnim Wiek, Senior Sustainability Scientist, Julie Ann Wrigley Global Institute of Sustainability Associate Professor, School of Sustainability
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