



Emilio Montesinos was born in Cuenca (Spain) in 1956. Currently Professor of Plant Pathology at the University of Girona, he earned his doctorate in Microbiology from the Autonomous University of Barcelona (UAB) in 1982. He has been working at the UAB, Polytechnic University of Catalonia, where he created a Plant Pathology group, and later, he joined the University of Girona, where he is currently working. He was visiting Lecturer in the Department of Plant Pathology at Cornell University (1994). His area of research and development is focused on Plant Pathology, in the field of biopesticides, mainly in antimicrobial peptides and

beneficial microorganisms, with the main focus on control of plant quarantine bacteria in the EU. Novel synthetic AMPs with proven efficacy at field/greenhouse level against several plant diseases, have been produced in plant biofactories. Strains of beneficial bacteria producing AMPs were also discovered and are under exploitation. He is inventor in several patents, and contributed to the creation of a spin-off company.

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