

Part A. Personal Information

Surname(s)	Gortazar
Forename	Christian

(*) At least one of these is mandatory

A.1. Current position

Post/ Professional Category	Full professor	
Key Words	Animal health; Disease control; Ecology; Epidemiology; Shared infections; Tuberculosis; Wildlife	
Name of the University/Institution	Universidad de Castilla – La Mancha	
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A.2. Education (title, institution, date)

Year	University	Degree	Title
1990	U Zaragoza	First degree	DVM
		Masters (if appropriate)	
1997	U Zaragoza	PhD	Doctorate, Vet. Sciences

Scientific career:

Between 1990 and 1997 my research activity started combining doctoral studies (fox ecology and epidemiology) with activity as an independent consultant and as responsible for R & D in Ebronatura SL. Doctorate in 1997 was awarded with the extraordinary prize, at Zaragoza University. In 1999 I obtained a position as associate professor at the National Wildlife Research Institute (IREC, a mixed institute between the University of Castilla - La Mancha and CSIC), where I acted as director from 2004 to 2008. Since 2003, I am responsible for the Animal Health Unit, currently the SaBio research group in Health and Biotechnology. Full professor since 2011. Principal investigator in numerous national and international projects on epidemiology and control of diseases shared with wildlife and have co-authored more than 360 international scientific articles.

Main scientific-technical achievements:

(1) conceptual definition of the emergency mechanisms of pathogens from animals to humans (ref 5); (2) identification of the boar as a reservoir of the M. tuberculosis complex (ref 10); (3) contributions to sanitary control in mixed livestock / wildlife systems (ref 4); (4) advances in the epidemiological knowledge of shared infections with wildlife (remaining refs).

Research line:

My research activity combines tools from the field of ecology, veterinary sciences and biotechnology. This includes viral, bacterial and parasitic diseases with emphasis on the control of shared problems between wildlife, domestic animals and humans, such as tuberculosis or vector-borne infections.

Others:

Responsible for livestock and aquaculture in the National Agency for Evaluation and Prospective in the period 2006 to 2008, and director of the IREC between 2005 and 2008. Chaired the European section of the Wildlife Disease Association (2012-2014). Currently head of the research group Health and Biotechnology (SaBio) at IREC, and editor in chief of the European Journal of Wildlife Research. Since 2015 I participate in the animal health panel AHAW of EFSA, where I currently coordinate the standing working group on African Swine Fever.