

Jordi Camí

Director of Barcelona's Biomedical Research Park

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Jordi Camí Morell (Terrassa, 1952) is a doctor of medicine, a specialist in clinical pharmacology, a professor at the Universitat Pompeu Fabra (UPF) and director general of the Parc de Recerca Biomèdica in Barcelona (PRBB) and of the Fundació Pasqual Maragall.

His principal scientific activities have, for more than eight years, concentrated on the field of neuroscience and, in particular, on the pharmacology of abusive drugs. He specialises in the effects of the simultaneous consumption of different drugs, such as alcohol, cocaine or THC, in humans and the clinico-pharmacological effects of MDMA, better known as ecstasy.

Between 1985 and 2005, Camí was the director of the Institut Municipal d'Investigació Mèdica in Barcelona, the university institute that has become one of the leading centres of biomedical scientific production

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within the health sector.

From 1997 until 2002, Camí created and developed the subjects of Health and Life Sciences at the UPF, among which includes a degree course in human biology and a doctorate in biomedicine, which is taught in English.

Since then, he has been a driving force behind new research centres, such as the Centre de Regulació Genòmica and the Centre de Medicina Regenerativa and, in particular, the creation of the PRBB, which he has



Dr. Camí in front of Barcelona Biomedical Research Park / QUIM PUIG

headed since 2005. The PRBB is currently home to six public research centres, which between them employ more than 1,200 people, of which a third are scientists from abroad. These centres are dedicated to developing research in biomedicine, from the molecular scale to that of populations, all in all creating an exceptional scientific environment next to the Hospital del Mar in Barcelona.

Good practices in science

Jordi Camí is the author of more than 150 publications and papers dealing with drug abuse, as well as leading 15 doctoral theses in the same field. Camí is also the author of the *Codi de Bones Pràctiques Científiques*, adopted in 2001 by researchers in the different centres that make up the Parc de Recerca Biomèdica de Barcelona. He is also the founder-editor of the magazine *Quark* (Ciència, Medicina, Comunicació y Cultura). His current activities concentrate on research into the area of bibliometry, evaluation and scientific policy. The Generalitat de Catalunya awarded Camí the Narcís Monturiol medal for scientific and technological merit in 2000.