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Joaquim Llisterri received a PhD in Romance Philology from the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (UAB) in 1987, and he was appointed full-time lecturer in General Linguistics at the same university in 1989. He teaches undergraduate courses in General Linguistics and Phonetics and graduate courses on Speech Technologies and Spoken Language Resources.

He is now head of the Phonetics Group of the Department of Spanish Philology at UAB, member of the consolidated research group CLiC (Center for Language and Computation, Universitat de Barcelona) and member of CAIAC - Catalan Centre for Accessibility and Ambient Intelligence, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona).

His research, publications and participation in national and international projects has been concerned with the applications of experimental phonetics to speech technology –especially in the area of text-to-speech synthesis- and with the study of phonetic transfer in second and third language acquisition. He has worked on the evaluation of synthesised speech and on the creation and annotation of spoken databases and corpora –particularly in the domain of prosody-. He has also been involved in the use of communication and information technologies for language teaching and for linguistic research.

The financed EU projects in which he has participated are SAM-A (1991-93), MULTEXT (1994-96), SpeechDat (1994-95), MATE (1998-99), NITE (2001-03), EAGLES (1993-96), ISLE (2000-01), EUROMAP I-II (1996-99) and HOPE (2000-03). He has also been responsible for research contracts in the area of speech technology with Telefónica I+D (1993-99), CNET (1993-96), CSELT (1998-2000), Loquendo (2001-03) and Natural Vox (2007) and for two nationally funded project on inter- and intraspeaker phonetic variability (VILE, 2001-04; VILE-P, 2011-2013).

From 1990 to 1994 he was Head of the Department of Spanish Philology at UAB and from 2003 to 2006 he was the coordinator of the Computers and Humanities programme at the Faculty of Philosophy and Letters; he was also Academic Secretary and Vice-dean at the Faculty of Translation and Interpreting (2007-08). Between 1996 and 1999 he was appointed as Academic Subdirector of the Instituto Cervantes and was also responsible for the activities of the Spanish Observatory of Language Industries. From 2003 to 2005 he was director of the seminars on Language Technologies at the Fundación Duques de Soria.