

Rodolfo Canet

Rodolfo Canet (Alicante, 1966) has a PhD in Biology by the University of Valencia and specializes on the role and management of organic matter in agriculture.

His career started with works on composting of MSW and the potential contamination of produce and soils by heavy metals. After two years of postdoctoral research in England (Wye College, University of London/Imperial College) working on the potential of composting to decontaminate soils and sludges, he returned to Spain to continue his work on composting and the effects of organic products in soil properties, with increasing focus on the biological and biochemical properties, together with fertility management in organic farming.

The important role of carbon sequestration by agricultural soils in the fight against climate change has led him to work intensely on this topic, having been responsible of the agricultural section of the Valencian Strategy against Climate Change 2013-2020 and member of the Expert Committee on Climate Change of the Generalitat Valenciana. Although he has led several national and European projects, his research activity has been thoroughly focused on helping the private sector and the government, being responsible of more than 30 R&D contracts.

On 1st October 2020 he was appointed Director of the Valencian Institute of Agricultural Research (IVIA) after being coordinator of its Center for the Development of Sustainable Agriculture of (CDAS-IVIA) for five years.