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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 has taught courses in general and applied linguistics, general and applied phonetics, speech technologies and spoken language resources at undergraduate and postgraduate levels.

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, on the creation and annotation of spoken corpora —particularly in the domain of prosody— and on the analysis of disfluencies in spontaneous speech. He has also been involved in the use of communication and information technologies for language teaching and for linguistic research.

The funded 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 three nationally funded projects on inter- and intraspeaker variability in forensic phonetics (VILE, 2001-04; VILE-P, 2011-13; ESTIVOZ, 2015-17).

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 responsible for the activities of the Spanish Observatory of Language Industries. From 2003 to 2005 he directed the summer courses on Language Technologies at the Fundación Duques de Soria and between 2008 and 2016 he chaired the Advisory Scientific Committee of the postgraduate programme in Phonetics and Phonology organised by the Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas and the Universidad Internacional Menéndez Pelayo.