



JUAN GÓMEZ ORTEGA

University of Jaén Rector

Biography

Juan Gómez Ortega holds a PhD in Industrial Engineering from the University of Seville (1995). His teaching career began at the University of Seville in late 1989 and he was appointed senior lecturer in 1997. In 2000, he obtained a professorship in Automatic and Systems Engineering at the University of Jaén and has dedicated his full energies to the institution ever since.

He has been the director of the Robotics, Automation and Computer Vision Group (GRAV) (TEP-237) since it was created in 2002. He has participated in more than 30 international, national and regional research projects funded by public calls and cooperation networks, acting as principal investigator in 13 of them. He also has extensive experience in corporate R&D projects, working as chief investigator on more than 30 technology transfer projects.

To date, he has completed four six-year periods of research. He has authored and co-authored more than 150 scientific publications (including articles in indexed journals, book chapters, books and papers at national and international conferences), as well as giving more than 15 lectures on robotics and automation at universities and other institutions across Spain and around the world.

He is a member of the following scientific committees: IEEE since January 1997; Comité Español de Automática (CEA) since 1999; Technical Committee on Mechatronics Systems (TC 4.2) and Technical Committee on Robotics (TC 4.3) at the International Federation of Automatic Control (IFAC) from November 2011. He has also been a member of the editorial board at the Revista Iberoamericana de Sistemas, Cibernética e Informática since January 2014.

In November 2015, he was awarded an honorary doctorate from Inca Garcilaso de la Vega University in Lima (Peru) and received the Sanmarquina Medal of Honour (Great Cross) from the National University of San Marcos in Peru, the Dean University of the Americas.

With regard to academic management, he has held several positions of responsibility at the University of Jaén and the University of Seville, including a period as Director of Jaén Higher Polytechnic School from 2006 to 2014. Since March 2015, he has been the Rector of the University of Jaén and was re-elected to the post on 2 April 2019.

Since March 2016, he has been President of the ICT Sectorial Commission at the Conference of Spanish University Rectors (CRUE) and a member of the extended CRUE Executive Committee. In December 2018, he was appointed President of the Andalusian Public Universities Association (AUPA).