Brief report on the scientific and technical background of the research teams



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Professor Oller teaches courses in the UPC University: "Strength of Materials and Structures", course in Civil Engineering, Geologic Engineering and Aeronautical Engineering Schools. "Fracture Mechanics", course in the Master of Numerical Methods in Engineering, "Composite Materials" and "Non-linear Dynamics" courses in the PhD Program in Structural Engineering. Is also Visiting Professor at Civil Engineering Laboratory - National University of Tucumán Argentina (1991-2001), Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, University of California at Berkeley (1998, 2005-2006). He has Advised Twenty-three "PhD. Thesis", and thirteen "Master Thesis".

Academic publications of Prof. Oller are summarized in: *eighty-seven* papers on International Journals (JCR), *fourteen* papers on National Journals, *hundred-twenty* papers on International and National Congress, *four* Books, *seventeen* Chapters of Books, and *eighteen* Monographic works.

Prof. Oller advises in collaboration with Profs. E. Onate, A. Barbat, G. Bugeda, and M. Cerrolaza a group of thirteen researchers focused on the area of Computational Mechanics in CIMNE (Barcelona, Spain). Also advises in collaboration with Prof. Liz Nallim a group of five researchers at the National University of Salta (Argentina). Three researchers, including the eighteen previously mentioned, are focused specifically in the area of biomechanics.

The research group of Prof. Oller has participated in 37 competitive projects in the last 20 years. Of these, 22 were funded by the Government of Spain, 13 by the European Union, 1 from the University of West Virginia, USA and 2 in Argentina.

Principal research areas: Constitutive Models, New Structural Materials, Composites Materials, Fatigue, Biomechanics, Earthquake Engineering and Dynamic of Structures, Industrial Casting Processes, Parallel Computing.

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