

# The Innovation Advisory Board has been created Sorigué is committed to innovate

- The Board, composed by relevant national and international representatives in the R & D + i field, advise the business group to contribute to its growth target, estimated more than 10% in the next biennium.
- Sorigué is evaluating innovation projects that harness energy, water engineering and energy efficiency, among others.

Sorigué held the first meeting of the new Innovation Advisory Board. The meeting, held the last weekend of June in Barcelona, with the participation of its constituent members: Rolf Tarrach, president of the European University Association (EUA); Lluís Torner, director of the Institute of Photonic Sciences (ICFO); Marcos Urarte, strategic and innovation expert consultant; and Ana Vallés, President of Sorigué. They also took part, members involved in different research projects of the Center for Advanced Research of Sorigué.

This Board is key for Sorigué's 2015-2017 Strategic Innovation Plan, who are also committed to support talent and reputation as a growth asset for the business. The purpose of this new organization is to help create an ecosystem, which enables internal and external projects, and act as a "radar" in the search of potential national and international profitable trends in areas where Sorigué works as well as new uprising fields of interest.

# **Advanced Research lines**

In this first meeting, members of the Innovation Advisory Board have discussed on various projects the company is developing. They have outlined the most advanced current trends and suggested areas of high potential growth.

Among other fields of action, Sorigué is studying on optimizing energy use of materials, reuse of resources, progress in water engineering or energy efficiency solutions in buildings, thanks to its experience in all these fields, its technical skills and its equipment for this advance research.

# Integrated innovation at Sorigué

Sorigué is a business group present all over Spain, a leader in the construction, technology and water engineering field, among other sectors.



The company employs 1,800 workers, with a large group of engineers, architects and experts in development, as well as having property facilities and equipment focused on innovation in its Industrial Complex La Plana del Corb (Lleida), as the Research Laboratory and field test area. It also develops partnerships with national and international universities, as well as leading an investment program for start-ups with high innovative potential, as in the case of Vortex and LleidaNet (both Spanish companies, with international presence and leaders in their technology field).

This commitment to create an innovative and projects, will be coordinated and by an Innovation Committee, which will be guided by the Advisory Board and will involve professionals from Sorigué's staff in a joint process with other two strategic programs, the Talent Development Program and the Competence Management Program.

# Members of the Innovation Advisory Board

# Rolf Tarrach

Rolf Tarrach taught at the Faculty of Physics of the University of Barcelona since 1971 and professor of Theoretical Physics since 1986. He is the author of a large number of papers for international journals on quantum field theory and the theory of elementary particles. Doctor Honoris Causa by the University of St. Petersburg. Vice Chancellor of the University of Barcelona (1990-1994) and Dean of the Faculty of Physics at the same university (1996-1998). President of the CSIC (2000-2003). Rector of the University of Luxembourg (2005-2014). He has received the Cañada-Blanch Award three times, the Eduard Fontserè Award, the Narcís Monturiol Medal, the Pii Sunyer Award, and the Commendation of the Order of Isabella the Catholic.

# Lluís Torner

Lluís Torner has a degree in Physics from the Universidad Autónoma de Barcelona, a PhD from the Polytechnic University of Catalonia and also professor of this university since 2000. He has been a postdoctoral researcher and contributor to several universities in the United States, and is currently the founding director of the Institute of Photonic Sciences (ICFO), an entity acclaiming global recognition in its research field. He serves on numerous international advisory panels for public and private entities from several countries in Europe, USA, Canada, Australia, as well as counseling the European Commission on science and technology foresight methods. He has received the Monturiol Medal for Scientific Merit in 2009 and the Global Leadership Award granted by the Optical Society of America in 2011.

# Marcos Urarte

Strategic and senior management consultant. Industrial engineer. Systems Engineer from the University of Fujitsu Limited in Tokyo (Japan). Management Program at IESE. Diploma in Management Control from ESADE. Professor at major business schools. He has published numerous articles and is a regular speaker at



prestigious events and conferences. World Bank consultant. His areas of expertise are: Strategic Foresight and strategy for organizations (public and private), business models, innovation, competitiveness of organizations, Leadership and Strategic People Management, and Organizational Transformation.

# Ana Vallés

Degree in Economics and Business Science from the University of Valencia and graduated in Humanities from the Universidad Abierta de Cataluña. She has an extensive career in the field of finance and a leading strategic visión that have made her lead different areas at Sorigué. She is the President of Sorigué since 2013 and director of the Sorigué Foundation since 2006. She is a member of the board of the National Art Museum of Catalonia (MNAC) and of the board of the Architecture and Society Foundation, among others. Since her appointment as president of Sorigué, she has prompted a strategic plan that focuses on sustainable development of the business both domestically and in the near future, internationally.

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