

## CURRICULUM VITAE

### PERSONAL INFO

**Name:** Joan Gené i ALBESA

**Nationality:** Spanish

**Age:** 47

**Born:** in Vilabella, Tarragona

**Status:** Married with two children



### PRESENT POSITION

- *President, AREPO*

### EDUCATION AND TRAINING

#### **Academic qualifications:**

1981 Agricultural Engineering Technician.

Technical College of Agricultural Engineering of Barcelona

1986 **Agricultural Engineer**. School of Agricultural Engineering of Lleida, Polytechnic University of Catalonia.

2007 General Management Programme. Mondragon Business School, MONE

### WORK EXPERIENCE

#### *ON AN INTERNATIONAL LEVEL:*

1988 and 1989 - Contract with the Spanish Agency for International Cooperation to draft and implement a 60,000 hectare irrigation ditch project and for the rural development stemming from the project in Guanacaste, Costa Rica (Central America).

Since October 1955 – I have been the Chairman of the COPA-COGECA Dried Fruit Group in Brussels and have participated in the European Union advisory committees on fruits and vegetables and in the annual meeting between Turkey and the European Commission on hazelnuts as a spokesperson for European production.

In December 1998 - I was hired by the Banco do Nordeste do Brasil to make a diagnosis of the Farm Cooperative in the State of Cearà in northern Brazil.

#### *ON A STATE LEVEL:*

1985 and 1986 - Intern in the Mediterranean Arboriculture Unit at the IRTA “Mas Bové” Farming Centre in Reus.

1987 and 1988 - Performed field work for my dissertation on irrigation equipment at the Mediterranean Arboriculture Unit, with a doctoral scholarship from the INIA (National Institute of Agricultural Research) of the Ministry of Agriculture.

1990 Worked independently with various consulting firms in the industry.

**1991 and 1992 - I worked in the Technical Office of the Secretary General of the Department of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries.**

From 1993 to July 2007 - I worked at the Federation of Agricultural Cooperatives of Catalonia, during which time I had various responsibilities:

. 1993 - Technician in the Nuts and Oil sectors and head of the ACPO (Association of Catalan Olive Oil Producers).

. From 1994 to 1999 - I was head of the Technical Advisory area; from 1994-1996, I was the technician in charge of the Restructuring of the Agricultural Cooperative in Catalonia, which entailed advising on 55 inter-cooperation projects.

. From 1999 to 2007 - **Director of the Federation of Agricultural Cooperatives of Catalonia.** The Federation, in addition to its representative activity, has a company specialising in services in the agricultural cooperatives that has a 52-person staff.

Since December 2003 - **Secretary of the Association of Agricultural Engineers of Catalonia.**

Since July 2007 - **General Manager of Food, Quality and Agri-industry** of the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Action of the Government of Catalonia.

**March 2008 President of PRODECA**