



Message from the Director

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The Science develops the tools to solve the challenges posed by the utopias of the future. Without utopia, Science loses vision, is limited to the short term, becomes accustomed and accommodates in technology, and ends up being recurrent, incremental. Without the ability to identify the challenges of Science, it is meaningless. For this entire scientific ecosystem to work, it is necessary to combine the ideas of the utopian future of Humanity with a deep knowledge of basic technologies and sciences, with which to develop solutions to those scientific challenges.

Science in Spain has been integrated and developed mostly in the University. This essential link between University and Science is the basis of the feedback of scientific knowledge on university teaching, especially in masters and postgraduate degrees, quarry of future scientists, and incubator of ideas, sometimes utopian, almost always brilliant, of the future challenges of our Society. We do not imagine a separation from one and the other, we do not imagine a better bridge between science and teaching than the University, and we do not imagine a better teacher in our universities than the one that constantly renews and expands its knowledge through science and innovation projects.

That is why the Institute of Telecommunications and Multimedia Applications is not only a research centre on the campus of the Polytechnic University of Valencia, but also tries to be that quarry of excellence, scientific development, innovative projects, and source of knowledge feedback for our teachers and future students of the University.

ITEAM turns 15 years in 2020. During its trajectory, the Institute has not stopped growing in the number of people, projects, publications, patents, citations, and technology transfer; in short, in all the indicators that nowadays measure scientific production in public organizations. That puts us in a good position when measured with the usual indexes but the goal of ITEAM is not only focused to indexes but committed to scientific excellence.