

# Message from the Director



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*Nonetheless...*

*This has been a complicated year, in circumstances that have revealed the true potential of the Research and the Telecommunications in our Society. Thanks to Telecommunications, we have been able to maintain personal and work relationships that, otherwise, would have been blocked. Due to the pandemic, the term "Information Society" has been valued, with the resurgence of services that had a residual use and that have been essential this year, such as teleconferences and virtual connections to corporate networks, which have allowed online working and the ultimate push of the electronic administration. Our Institute has maintained, even increased, its activity in research projects, with great success in calls for international projects, prestigious awards for our researchers and important advances in some of the spin-offs arisen from ITEAM. Without direct contact between our staff for several months, we have got achievements that would not have been possible without the commitment of all the Institute staff. This year, as never before, the credit for keeping this ship on course goes to each and every one of its crew. May 2020 serve so that those who manage public science never forget the fundamental role it has played in this crisis, and we stop being the crazy-creative-subsidized of the productive system to become one of the engines of the economy and future well-being, as has been demonstrated.*