

# Institute of Grapevine and Wine Sciences (ICVV), Spain

The Instituto de Ciencias de la Vid y del Vino (Institute of Grapevine and Wine Sciences) (ICVV) is a Research Center devoted to scientific investigation on Viticulture and Oenology. The Institute was created by a joint agreement of the Government of La Rioja (by means of the Regional Agricultural Ministry), the Spanish National Research Council and the University of La Rioja.

The ICVV has the goal of generating new knowledge and technologies in Viticulture and Oenology, which can be the base for technological development and innovation within the grape and wine productive sector, an economic sector that is inherent to the Spanish agriculture and culture.

The institute promotes transfer of scientific and technological results to the society, aiming that its research activity ends in practical applications and contributes to the development of the sector. The ICVV also supports the university education focused on viticulture and oenology, especially at post-graduate stages. This institution is integrated in the European research environment and aims to become a reference center for grapevine and wine research and development.



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**Through OENOVITI International many possibilities can be done like interuniversity programs, exchange with students, researchers or technologies**

## **A few words from José Martínez Zapater, Director of ICVV, CSIC Research Professor, Genetics and Genomics of grapevine (Vitigen)**

"Being part of the Oenoviti International network has been a very fruitful collaboration in many ways: firstly, it gives us the opportunity to interact with many other groups, universities, to be part of education programs with European countries, Australia or South America. It's quite interesting for our institution but it's also great to get into European programs like the RisevWise project which has proven to be very useful. It's a convenient network and I think there are a lot of other opportunities. I appreciate the effort of organizing meetings and conferences, of trying to get in touch with researchers from other countries around the world. My advice to institutions is that they join Oenoviti to improve their communication, be more proactive and offer more to research and education."