

Presentation English version

The Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology of the University of Granada is situated on Campus de Fuentenueva. This department originated from the Interfacultative Department of Biochemistry, which, in 1968, was formed from what was then known as the Chair of Biochemistry of the Pharmacy Faculty, in charge of teaching Biochemistry in the recently created Biology Section in the Science Faculty, under Director Dr. Federico Mayor Zaragoza. Afterwards, the teaching was expanded to the Chemistry Section of the Science Faculty at Campus de Fuentenueva.

In 1973, a large part of the department, headed by Professor Mayor Zaragoza, moved to the Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, and the Interfacultative Department of Biochemistry of the University of Granada formed two research groups (photo) directed by Dr. Fermín Sánchez de Medina Contreras and Dr. Eduardo García Peregrín, which quickly grew with new doctoral students who today are responsible for the research groups, not only at the University of Granada, but also at other Spanish universities.

When the LRU took effect in 1986, the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology of the University of Granada were constituted with the Interfacultative Biochemistry Department (Faculties of Pharmacy and Sciences) and part of the Biochemistry and Physiology Department of the Medicine Faculty, with Dr. María Dolores Suárez Ortega chosen as directress. In the 20 years that the department has existed, Dr. Suárez was succeeded by Dr. Sánchez de Medina Contreras (Pharmacy Faculty) and Professor Capilla Gómez (Medicine Faculty).

In 2006, the Government Council of the University of Granada approved the creation of three departments: Biochemistry and Molecular Biology I (Science Faculty), Biochemistry and Molecular Biology II (Pharmacy Faculty), Biochemistry and Molecular Biology III and Immunology (Medicine Faculty).

At present, the staff of the Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Department I is comprised of 3 full professors, 7 professors, 8 doctors under various type of contracts and 2 predoctoral fellowships FPU. In the department, there are 3 research groups whose fundamental research lines are: Biomembranes, Enzymology, Lipid Metabolism, Molecular Biomarkers and the Regulation of Genetic Expression in various pathologies. The department carries out a major teaching function, participating in various Bachelor's degrees as well as the third cycle of the doctoral program of quality in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology of the University of Granada.