

### **Mr Carles Canet (Mexico)**

Dr Canet is a prominent researcher at the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM) in Earth Sciences. He has carried out research in different disciplines of Earth Sciences, reflected in nearly 100 scientific documents on various topics, mainly: mineral and geothermal resources, geochemistry and mineralogy, marine geology, environmental geology, and geological heritage, among others. Additionally, Dr Canet has experience in management positions related to research, in three different UNAM institutes (Geophysics; Atmospheric Sciences and Climate Change; Geology).



Dr Canet has worked in the promotion of GMU in Mexico and was the main promoter of the candidacy of the Comarca Minera de Hidalgo, a territory that successfully achieved designation as UNESCO Global Geopark in May 2017. In addition, he was a founding member (in June 2017) and first coordinator (2018-2019 biennium) of the Geoparks Network of Latin America and the Caribbean (GeoLAC Network). As a further contribution to the consolidation of the Geoparks programme in Mexico, he has advised various groups interested in the creation of new geoparks.

In addition to the combined and proven professional experience relevant to UNESCO Global Geopark development, he is also very active in the promotion of the Geoparks concept in the country and the wider region. Where he was the founder and coordinator of the Latin-American network of UNESCO Global Geoparks (GeoLAC, 2018- 2019). He also set up the GeoLAC working group on gender equality, a standard for the other regional networks, and he conducted relevant capacity building activities in several events on behalf of UNESCO or GGN.