Comments received for
ISO 639-3 Change Request
2006-129

Outcome: Rejected
Effective date: 10 August 2007
Registration Authority decision on Change Request no. 2006-129: to reject the request for a separate code element for the language variety known as Valencian.

Change Request no. 2006-129 relates to code element [cat] Catalan / Valencian. The change request proposes splitting this code element into two distinct code elements, one for a new language, Valencian, and one with a more precise designation of Catalan not including the language variety Valencian. In accordance with the management requirements of the standard, this would necessitate the retirement of the identifier [cat] and the assignment of two new identifiers to the newly designated languages. Users of the ISO 639 standard would then be faced with significant work to distinguish and separate the two languages in existing applications of the identifier [cat], and an ambiguous meaning of the corresponding Part 1 code element [ca] Catalan. In consideration of the volume of legacy applications of the identifier [ca]/[cat], a simple split into two new code elements would not be acceptable resolution. Therefore, the Registration Authority amended the request, with the approval of the requesters, to propose a redefinition of [ca]/[cat] as a Macrolanguage, and introduce two new code elements for the specific varieties, Catalan and Valencian.

The Registration Authority sought comment on the rationale for assigning a separate code element to the language variety known as Valencian. The essence of the argument in favor of a distinct code element for Valencian stands on the assertion that Valencian is a distinct language with considerable literary history extending back at least six centuries (2006-129_cm21; 2006-129_cm28), and that it should not be considered a variant of “standard Catalan,” an artificial construction (mostly based on the Barcelona and surrounding dialects and developed solely by proponents of standardization in Barcelona) promoted as the standard form during the early part of the 20th century (Perez-Alonso, 1979; Puerto-Ferre and Culla, 2006). While acknowledging a certain degree of intelligibility between Valencian and Standard (Barcelona) Catalan, supporters of distinguishing Valencian from Catalan reference their own historical literature as the measure for its standard form, rather than Standard Catalan. (Joan Ignaci Serrano i Sànchez, requester; Puerto-Ferre and Culla, 2006; numerous commentators)

The Joint Advisory Committee has responded to prior requests to add Valencian as a separate element to Part 2 of this standard with the following statement (25 October 2006):

... The decision of the JAC is that it is most consistent with other cases to consider Valencian a dialectal variation of the individual language which is encoded ca and cat. It may be argued that Catalan is not the only possible name that could be assigned to this item. E.g. the Ethnologue database names the item "Catalan-Valencian-Balear". The Ethnologue database, being in very many respects harmonized with ISO 639, also uses the identifier "cat" for this item. Although it is obvious what the identifier "ca" and "cat" are derived from, it is important to understand that ISO 639 language identifiers are not language abbreviations.

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family of standards, the more appropriate standard in which to encode the language variety Valencian will be the proposed ISO/DIS 639-6 Codes for the representation of names of languages -- Part 6: Alpha-4 representation for comprehensive coverage of language variants.

The requesters followed the 3rd suggestion of the JAC, that they resubmit their proposal to the Registration Authority of the forthcoming (now published) 639-3. In both 639-2 and 639-3, the primary criterion for either maintaining the unity of a language with multiple varieties through a single code element, or recognizing two language varieties as separate languages through the application of two distinct code elements is based on linguistic evidence of mutual intelligibility, or lack thereof. In submitting evidence that Valencian warrants a separate code element, the present request documentation does not add new knowledge regarding the question of mutual intelligibility. Even commentators expressing opinions and arguments in favor of the proposal (2006-129_cm28) recognize that the degree of intelligibility between Valencian and (Standard) Catalan is high. Linguistic scholars outside the regions of the language varieties in question invariably recognize a single language, with acknowledged regional distinctions. (Pradilla, 2001) However, the distinctions appear more related to acceptability, rather than intelligibility.

Comments received regarding the request expressed strong opinions on both sides of the argument, certainly not presenting a consensus of opinion among residents of Valencia, nor among organizations, official or otherwise. The Real Acadème de Cultura Valenciana (Royal Academy of Valencian Culture) strongly endorses the request to separate Valencian from Catalan. In contrast, the Consell Valencià de Cultura (Valencia Counsel of Culture, an official advisory body for the Valencia Regional Government), as well as the Acadème Valenciana de la Llengua (Valencian Academy of Language) have made statements that support a unified conception of the “language system” historically spoken in the eastern region of the Crown of Aragon (which included the autonomous regions of Catalonia, Valencia, and Balearic Islands, as well as the nation of Andorra), while fully supporting the use of Valencian as the proper legal name of that language within the Valencian Community (AVL, 2005).

One supporter of the request (2006-129_cm30) notes several examples in which a single language has multiple language codes representing varieties that vary no more than Valencian and Catalan, pointing to these as precedents for the Valencian case. However, in one significant example, that of Occitan and its variants, the JAC recently reviewed the macrolanguage – individual language relationships and requested the retirement of the 6 variants of Occitan from 639-3 and the change of scope of [oci] from macrolanguage to individual language. It may be that the other cases cited warrant similar review. Precedents can thus be found within the standard to support either position.

The Valencian courts and Spanish Supreme Courts, having considered several matters of jurisdiction and certification of language use and instruction, decided that the question of whether distinction should be made between Valencian and Catalan should be determined based on linguistic criteria, concluding that the weight of linguistic evidence does not support distinguishing Valencian as a separate language. (Spanish Supreme Court, Third chamber, Law 21722/2006).

Therefore, in agreement with the validity of the criteria used by Spanish Supreme Court (supported by statements of the CVC and AVL), and in accord with the prior decision of the ISO 639 Joint Advisory Committee, the Registration Authority determines not to approve the request to redefine [ca]/[cat] as a Macrolanguage, and introduce two new code elements for the specific varieties, Catalan and Valencian.

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All comments regarding Request 2006-129, including this statement, are compiled in a single reference file found at:
Dear managers of "Part 3 of the ISO 639 family of standards",

This mail that you are reading is sent you in order to support the "change request documentation for 2006-129", i.e., the recognition of the valencian language as an independent language at all levels of use. This should be recognized because the valencian language is an old language that has its own independent (from Latin) literature during more than five hundred years. In addition, valencian people feel this language as an independent and autonomous language that has its own grammar and dictionary. In other words, valencians have a non-dialectal conscience of their own idiomatic variety.

Particularly, I use the valencian language in the higher education level, at the Polytechnical University of Valencia, in Spain. Thus, if I write a book in valencian language, I need to be recognized with my own ISBN number. Moreover, the possibility to have independent Microsoft correctors and recognition of the same language at Google searcher would hold.

Thus, I hope you support finally the "change request documentation for 2006-129", valencians people and valencian language need to be recognized. Thank you in advance. I attach my curriculum as additional information.

Doctor Joan Carles Micó
Professor of Mathmatics. Polytechnical University of Valencia.
Dear Summer Institute of Languages,

I have received notices about the modification of the code ISO-639-3 where you identify so many languages from around the world to let them exist in the internet. I also have listened that some people, from the RACV of València, ask for include the valencian language into your code.

I must know that the RACV is a "culture" academy all out of the valencians universities, as the "Universitat de València", with more than five centuries of history. That academy, founded modernly, try to break our language and our culture saying that the catalan culture and the valencian culture is not the same, while that's absolutely false. Those attitude, especially in the language, is based in the hate that some people of València have against Catalonia. That's because your must understand that the RACV are completely wrong. You won't find any professor in any university saying that the valencian is not the same as the catalan. They himself proof his ignorance writing with an invented orthography that any valencian use, so people in Barcelona write as we do in València or people do in Elvissa (Ibiza).

The one difference between valencian and catalan is just the name. There, in catalonia, people name to his language catalan, while we, in Valencian Country, say valencian, or in the Balear islands (as in Mallorca) they say balear, but all of we now that is the same language, as the children learn at the school. Why that? That's the complex history of a centenary people that had lived, and live, in the countries that centuries ago were three different kingdom's founded by the same king.

Please, ask to qualified people in your country, to resolve that terrible problem in the internet, because we do all we can in our country (we can't solve it well because the sapanish government don't let us do it, that are the problems of a nation without state). You can also look for the Europen Union resolution, were they say we have the same language.

One catalan language, with different names in different, but we all recognize one, català.

Thank's you by your work, keep on. (and forgive my bad english)

Lluís Hurtado Gil, València, 13/06/2007

Al país valencià, la llengua natural que es parla des del segle XII és el català, amb les seves variants locals. No acceptem la fragmentació del català per interessos polítics de l'extrema dreta que pretén separar una mateixa llengua pròpia per interessos electoralistes i colonialistes.
Francesc.
Dear managers of "Part 3 of the ISO 639 family of standards",

This is to support the "change request documentation for 2006-129", that is, the recognition of the valencian language as an independent language at all levels of use.

Reasons:
1. The valencian language is an old language that has its own independent (from Latin) literature during more than five hundred years.
2. Valencian people feel this language as an independent and autonomous language that has its own grammar and dictionary. In other words, valencians have a non-dialectal conscience of their own idiomatic variety, which is older (written) than the catalan variety.
3. I use the valencian language in the higher education level, at the "Universitat de València. Estudi General." in Valencia (Spain). Thus, if I write a book using the valencian language, I need to be recognized with my own ISBN number. Moreover, I need the possibility to have independent Microsoft correctors and recognition of the Valencian language at Google searcher.

Therefore, I hope you support finally the "change request documentation for 2006-129". Valencian people and valencian language need to be recognized.

Thank you in advance. My brief biography is attached.

Doctor Antonio Caselles-Moncho.
Professor of Applied Mathematics.
Universitat de València Estudi General.

Hello :

I see astonished the use that is made of the change requests in

1- I see the request creation of a new individual language called with the acronyms of another language (cln)
   The same that if anyone create a new individual language called "inglis-inl" strictly the same than "english-eng"

2- I see the request creation of a new individual language away of any linguistic reality (vac)
   The same that if anyone create a new individual language called "american-ame" strictly the same than "english-eng"

It seems that your change requests system has been infected by lingui-phobic interests.

Please, be careful.

So long

Jaume
As noticed by some of my friends, the so-called Real Academia de Cultura Valenciana, which is a non-academical private club, addressed to your organization in order to separate by means of a special code the Catalan texts written in the Valencian territory, so that the Catalan language should be divided in two. This suggestion has exactly the same right as any other aiming at defining languages because of strictly political reasons. That is to say, according with this method you should distinguish between 'German', 'Austrian' and 'Swiss', 'English' and 'American', 'French' and 'Quebecois', and so on.

The criteria provided by all the Valencian universities, the Catalan-speaking mass-media, the Valencian government, etc., agrees in recognising the unity of our language, no matter that the non-academical term 'Valencian' is usually employed in the Valencian country as a synonymn of the most common term 'Catalan'.

Jordi Redondo
Greek Language & Literature
Univeristy of València
Us envie una sentència del Tribunal Suprem espanyol on es reconeix que la denominació català o valencià fa referència a la mateixa llengua, per tal que ho tinguen en compte davant la proposta de modificació de la RACV.

I send a sentence of the Supreme Spanish Court where reconece that the Catalonian or Valencian denomination refers to the same tongue, so you keep in mind it because the proposal of modification presented by the RACV.

Josep Jaya
Tribunal Supremo, Sala Tercera, de lo Contencioso-administrativo, Sección 7ª, Sentencia de 15 Mar. 2006, rec. 8075/1999

Ponente: Maurandi Guillén, Nicolás Antonio.

Nº de recurso: 8075/1999

Jurisdicción: CONTENCIOSO-ADMINISTRATIVA

LA LEY 21722/2006

Ausencia de razones científicas y académicas que justifiquen suprimir la convalidación de certificados oficiales de conocimientos de valenciano

TÍTULACIÓN ACADÉMICA O PROFESIONAL. Anulación de la Orden valenciana de 22 de diciembre de 1995, que suprime la convalidación de certificados oficiales de conocimientos de valenciano prevista en la Orden valenciana de 22 de diciembre de 1994. Antecedentes judiciales: STC 75/1997. Remisión a la doctrina científica para solucionar el problema de si valenciano y catalán son lenguas diferentes. Pertenencia al campo científico de la cuestión de si las variedades dentro de un mismo sistema lingüístico justifican establecer titulaciones distintas no equiparables ni convalidables. Importante reconocimiento en el campo científico y académico de la unidad lingüística. No acredita la Generalidad qué razones propias de dicho campo justificaban la supresión, que, además, contradice la normativa estatal.

La presente resolución estima el recurso interpuesto contra la sentencia del TSJ Comunidad Valenciana, Sala de lo Contencioso-administrativo, Sección 1ª, de 1 Jul. 1999 (Rec. 454/1996).

Texto

En la Villa de Madrid,
a quince de Marzo de dos mil seis

Visto por la Sección Séptima de la Sala Tercera del Tribunal Supremo, constituida por los señores arriba anotados, el recurso de casación que con el número 8075/1999 ante la misma pendía de resolución, interpuesto por ACCIÓ CULTURAL DEL PAÍS VALENCIÀ y SINDICAT DE TREBALLADORS I TREBALLADORES DE L’ENSENYAMENT DEL PAÍS VALENCIÀ-INTERSINDICAL VALENCIANA, representados por la Procuradora doña Teresa Castro Rodríguez, contra sentencia de 1 de julio de 1999, dictada por la Sala de lo Contencioso-Administrativo del Tribunal Superior de Justicia de la Comunidad Valenciana (LA LEY 104270/1999).

Siendo parte recurrida la GENERALIDAD VALENCIANA representada y defendida por la Letrada de su Gabinete Jurídico.

ANTECEDENTES DE HECHO

PRIMERO.-

La sentencia recurrida contiene una parte dispositiva que copiada literalmente dice:

«FALLAMOS; «Desestimamos el recurso contencioso-administrativo interpuesto por el Sindicat de Treballadors de L’Ensenyament del País Valencià y por Acció Cultural del País Valencià, contra la Orden de la Conselleria de Cultura, Educación y ciencia de 22 de diciembre de 1995, por la que se derogan los apartados 1.3, 1.4, 2.1, 2.2, 3.5, 3.6, 4.1, 4.3 y 4.4 del artículo 4 de la Orden de 16 de agosto de 1994, por la que se establecen los certificados oficiales administrativos de conocimientos de valenciano que expedirá la Junta Calificadora de Valenciano y se homologan y convalidan otros títulos y certificados. Sin hacer expresa imposición de las costas...
SEGUNDO.-

Notificada la anterior sentencia, por la representación de ACCIÓ CULTURAL DEL PAÍS VALENCIÀ y SINDICAT DE TREBALLADORS I TREBALLADORES DE L'ENSENYAMENT DEL PAÍS VALENCIÀ-INTERSINDICAL VALENCIANA se promovió recurso de casación, y la Sala de instancia lo tuvo por preparado y remitió las actuaciones a este Tribunal con emplazamiento de las partes.

TERCERO.-

Recibidas las actuaciones, por la representación de la parte recurrente se presentó escrito de interposición del recurso de casación, en el que tras expresar los motivos en que lo apoyaba se terminaba con este Suplico a la Sala:

«(...), dicte sentencia por la que, con estimación de los motivos de casación alegados, al amparo del apartado c) del artículo 88.1 LJCA, por infracción de las normas reguladoras de la sentencia por incongruencia, por infracción de los artículos 33 y 67 de la Ley Jurisdiccional en relación con el artículo 24.1 de la Constitución Española y por falta de motivación con infracción del artículo 120.3 de la CE, en relación con el artículo 24.1 de la Constitución Española; y al amparo del apartado d) del artículo 88.1 LJCA, por infracción de normas del ordenamiento jurídico y de la jurisprudencia aplicables para resolver las cuestiones objeto de debate, por infracción del artículo 14 de la CE; del artículo 23.2 de la CE; del artículo 139.1 de la C.E.; del artículo 9.3 de la C.E.; del artículo 129 de la Ley de Procedimiento Administrativo; del artículo 130 de la Ley de Procedimiento Administrativo; del artículo 1.2 del Código Civil; del Real Decreto 3118/1976 de 26 de noviembre; del Real Decreto 1496/1987 de 6 de noviembre; del Real Decreto 1435/1990 de 26 de octubre; de la Orden del Ministerio de Educación y Ciencia de 29 de noviembre de 1995 y de la STC 75/1997 de 21 de abril; case la sentencia recurrida y resuelva de conformidad a la súplica del escrito de demanda».

CUARTO.-

LA GENERALIDAD VALENCIANA se opuso mediante escrito en el que, después de alegar lo que estimó conveniente, pidió que se declare no haber lugar al recurso de casación.

QUINTO.-

Conclusas las actuaciones se señaló para votación y fallo del presente recurso la audiencia de 1 de febrero de 2006, pero la deliberación hubo de continuarse en fechas correspondientes a señalamientos posteriores como consecuencia del elevado número de asuntos.

Siendo Ponente el Excmo. Sr. D. NICOLÁS MAURANDI GUILLÉN, Magistrado de Sala

FUNDAMENTOS DE DERECHO

PRIMERO.-

La sentencia que aquí se recurre en casación desestimó el recurso contencioso-administrativo que interpusieron ACCIÓ CULTURAL DEL PAÍS VALENCIÀ y SINDICAT
DE TREBALLADORS I TREBALLADORES DE L'ENSENYAMENT DEL PAÍS VALENCIÀ-INTERSINDICAL VALENCIANA contra la Orden de 22 de diciembre de 1995 de la Consellería de Cultura, Educación y Ciencia de la Generalidad Valenciana, cuyo artículo único derogó los apartados 1.3, 1.4, 2.1, 2.2, 3.5, 3.6, 4.1, 4.3 y 4.4 del artículo cuarto de la Orden de 16 de agosto de 1994.

Esta primera Orden de 16 de agosto de 1994 determinó los certificados oficiales administrativos de conocimientos de valenciano que expediría la Junta Calificadora de Conocimientos de Valenciano y (JQCV) y también enumeró otros certificados, títulos o diplomas que quedarían convalidados con los expedidos por la JQCV.

Su artículo primero estableció que los certificados que expediría la JQCV serían de estas cinco clases: de conocimientos orales; de grado elemental; de grado medio; de grado superior; y de capacitación técnica en diferentes especialidades.

Su artículo cuarto, en los apartados 1.3, 1.4, 2.1, 2.2, 3.5, 3.6, 4.3 y 4.4, dispuso la convalidación con los certificados expedidos por la JQCV, en esas clases antes expresadas de conocimientos orales, grado elemental, grado medio y grado superior, de los certificados de la misma clase que hubieran sido expedidos por la Junta Evaluadora de la Lengua Catalana de la Comunidad Autónoma de las Islas Baleares (JAC) y la Junta Permanente de Catalán de la Generalitat de Cataluña (JPC).

Y ese mismo artículo cuarto, en su apartado 4.1, también estableció, en cuanto al Certificado de grado superior de la JQCV, que se convalidaría con el título de Filología Catalana y equivalentes.

El actual recurso de casación lo han interpuesto también ACCIÓ CULTURAL DEL PAÍS VALENCIÀ y SINDICAT DE TREBALLADORS I TREBALLADORES DE L'ENSENYAMENT DEL PAÍS VALENCIÀ-INTERSINDICAL VALENCIANA.

SEGUNDO.-

La sentencia recurrida aborda inicialmente la inadmisión que fue opuesta por la Generalidad Valenciana sobre la base de que los recurrentes carecían de legitimación y la rechaza.

Luego delimita el problema de fondo del litigio haciendo constar que la demanda sostenía la nulidad de la Orden recurrida con apoyo en cinco motivos de impugnación que denunciaban lo siguiente:

-- dos causas de nulidad absoluta, al amparo del artículo 62.1.a) de la Ley 30/1992, de 26 de noviembre, de Régimen Jurídico de las Administraciones Públicas y del Procedimiento Administrativo Común -LRJAP/-PAC-, por vulneración, respectivamente, de los artículos 14 y 23.2 (en relación con el 139.1) de la Constitución;

-- nulidad absoluta, al amparo del artículo 62.1.e) de la LRJAP/PAC, por infracción de los artículos 129 y 130 de la Ley de Procedimiento Administrativo de 1958;

-- nulidad en virtud de lo establecido en el artículo 62.2 de la LRJAP/PAC, por oponerse a una disposición de rango superior, representada en concreto por el Decreto del Gobierno Valenciano 47/1989, de 4 de abril; y

-- nulidad por no respetarse el mandato constitucional de interdicción de la
arbitrariedad.

Más adelante estudia y desestima las impugnaciones que, a través de la invocación de los artículos 129 y 130 de la Ley de Procedimiento Administrativo --LPA-- de 1958, denunciaban vicios en el proceso de elaboración de la Orden recurrida; y lo mismo hace con la impugnación que le reprochaba su oposición a lo establecido en una disposición administrativa de rango superior, representada por el Decreto de 4 de abril de 1989 del Consell de la Generalidad Valenciana.

Por último, se centra en la impugnación concerniente a la vulneración del principio constitucional de igualdad y la resuelve negativamente.

En el estudio que la sentencia de Valencia hace sobre esa denuncia de vulneración del principio de igualdad, comienza por señalar que lo que los recurrentes sostenían como discriminatorio era el resultado derivado de la derogación dispuesta por la Orden impugnada, esto es, la supresión de la equiparación a los efectos de convalidación que antes establecían los apartados derogados entre, de un lado, los certificados de conocimiento de valenciano de la Junta Calificadora de Conocimientos de Valenciano (JQCV) y, de otro, los certificados de la Junta Evaluadora de la Lengua Catalana de la Comunidad Autónoma de las Islas Baleares (JAC) y la Junta Permanente de Catalán de la Generalitat de Cataluña (JPC).

La Sala «a quo» pone igualmente de manifiesto que el fundamento invocado para sostener esa discriminación era que, científica y académicamente, el Valenciano y el Catalán son una misma lengua con diferentes denominaciones, y éstas últimas tienen una total equiparación científica.

Finalmente, para rechazar esa denunciada discriminación se apoya en el criterio que sentó la sentencia de 20 de noviembre de 1992 de esta Sala Tercera del Tribunal Supremo, que parcialmente transcribe, y lo completa con la afirmación de que no corresponde a los Tribunales pronunciarse sobre si la valenciana y la catalana son o no la misma lengua.

Tras lo anterior, debe ya destacarse, por ser trascendente en el actual debate casacional, que el criterio de la sentencia de esta Sala de 20 de noviembre de 1992 que acaba de citarse, expuesto aquí en síntesis, se fundaba en estas ideas que continúan. Que sobre la lengua valenciana cabe un punto de vista histórico o lingüístico o académico (en el que tendrán asiento las opiniones referidas a si el valenciano y el catalán son o no una misma lengua, y si es o no correcto usar ambas denominaciones como sinónimas) y cabe otro punto de vista jurídico que estará representado por la solución que el ordenamiento jurídico haya adoptado. Que en el Estatuto de autonomía de la Comunidad Valenciana la solución normativa asumida es que la lengua distinta del castellano que se habla en esa Comunidad se llama «lengua valenciana»; y su preámbulo dice que el Valenciano «es la lengua histórica y propia de nuestro pueblo». Que actualmente la polémica está solucionada desde el punto de vista jurídico: la lengua autóctona se llama valenciana porque así lo ha querido el ordenamiento jurídico. Y que no asumirla así sería una violación de la letra y el espíritu de las leyes.

TERCERO.-

El recurso de casación de ACCIÓ CULTURAL DEL PAÍS VALENCIÀ y SINDICAT DE TREBALLADOR I TREBALLADORES DE L’ENSENYAMENT DEL PAÍS VALENCIÀ-INTERSINDICAL VALENCIANA invoca en su apoyo varios motivos que se formalizan por diferente cauce casacional.
Hay dos primeros que son deducidos a través de la letra C) del artículo 88.1 de la Ley Jurisdiccional -LJCA- y critican a la sentencia recurrida el haber incurrido en infracción de las normas reguladoras de la sentencia, por adolecer de incongruencia (con infracción de los artículos 33 y 67 de la LJCA, en relación con el 24 de la Constitución (CE) y falta de motivación (se denuncia la infracción del artículo 120, en relación con el 24, ambos de la CE.

Y hay otros trece motivos, amparados en la letra D) de ese mismo artículo 88.1 LJCA, que lo que cuestionan es la solución que sobre el problema de fondo del litigio adoptó la Sala de Valencia.

CUARTO.-

Dentro de ese segundo grupo de motivos de casación, el decimotercero refiere la infracción que pretende sostener a la doctrina contenida en la Sentencia del Tribunal Constitucional -STC- 75/1997, de 21 de abril (LA LEY 5229/1997), que precisamente otorgó el amparo solicitado por la Universidad de Valencia y anuló la sentencia de esta Sala -STS-- de 20 de noviembre de 1992 (LA LEY 12934/1992).

Este motivo debe ser analizado en primer lugar, porque, como resulta de la exposición que se hace en el primer fundamento, la sentencia aquí recurrida utilizó como «ratio decidendi» el criterio y la solución que en dicha sentencia de 20 noviembre de 1992 (LA LEY 12934/1992) se había seguido sobre la cuestión de la lengua propia de la Comunidad Valenciana; y el criterio consistió, como también antes se expuso, en diferenciar dentro de la materia de la lengua propia de la Comunidad Valenciana un plano académico y otro plano jurídico, y en afirmar que el Estatuto de autonomía de la Comunidad Valenciana había asumido como solución normativa que la denominación de esa lengua propia era la de «lengua valenciana».

Más antes de realizar ese análisis, y para terminar de acotar debidamente el actual debate, debe subrayarse también que esa repetida sentencia de 1992 había desestimado un recurso de apelación interpuesto contra la sentencia de 18 de mayo de 1998 de la entonces Audiencia Territorial de Valencia, y ésta, a su vez, había anulado un acuerdo de la Universidad de Valencia que aludía a la lengua catalana y declarado «de uso obligado la denominación legal y oficial de la lengua e idioma valenciano en el ámbito de la Universidad de Valencia» (así se dice en los antecedentes de la STC 75/1997 (LA LEY 5229/1997)).

QUINTO.-

El proceso en que se dictaron esas sentencias a que acaba de hacerse referencia y el actual han tenido por objeto actuaciones administrativas diferentes: aquel se refería a un acto de la Universidad de Valencia y versó sobre la autonomía universitaria, mientras este ha tenido por objeto una disposición normativa de la Generalitat Valenciana.

 Esto en principio podría suscitar dudas sobre si la doctrina de la STC 75/1997 (LA LEY 5229/1997) podría ser de aplicación al actual litigio, pues la Generalidad Valenciana, para el ejercicio de las potestades normativas que le corresponden dentro del marco de competencias que tenga asumidas, también dispone de un amplio espacio de discrecionalidad y, consiguientemente, sus decisiones en materia lingüística no tienen por qué ser coincidentes con las que hayan sido dictadas por una Universidad en el marco de su específica y distinta autonomía.

Sin embargo, esta inicial duda queda disipada si se tiene en cuenta que la sentencia
aquí recurrida (a través de ese criterio que asume de la STS de 20 de noviembre de 1992 (LA LEY 12934/1992)) no fundamenta su decisión en la discrecionalidad que es inherente al poder reglamentario de la Generalidad Valenciana, sino en la interpretación que hace de la regulación que sobre la lengua propia se contiene en el Estatuto de autonomía de la Comunidad Valenciana; y también si, tras lo anterior, se toma en consideración que esa interpretación no ha sido compartida y ha sido rechazada por la STC 75/1997 (LA LEY 5229/1997), que hace estas declaraciones:

«Por su parte, el fundamento último o ratio decidendi de las Sentencias impugnadas se pone en que la denominación «lengua valenciana» empleada por el Estatuto de Autonomía de la Comunidad tiene un carácter excluyente e impide el uso de cualesquiera otras. Sin embargo, tal conclusión apodíctica no es evidente por sí misma, y, en definitiva, para despejar la incógnita en que consiste el problema, tal y como se nos plantea, resulta ineludible un análisis más profundo.

(...)

En definitiva, el Acuerdo de la Junta de Gobierno de la Universidad de Valencia que fue impugnado en la vía contencioso-administrativa y el art. 7 de los Estatutos de la Universidad donde encuentra cobertura, vienen a establecer de consuno que la valenciana, lengua propia de la Comunidad Valenciana y, por ello, de su Universidad, podrá ser también denominada «lengua catalana», en el ámbito universitario, sin que ello contradiga el Estatuto de Autonomía ni la Ley de la Cortes Valencianas mencionada al principio. La Universidad de Valencia no ha transformado la denominación del valenciano y se ha limitado a permitir que en su seno pueda ser conocido también como catalán, en su dimensión «académica», según los propios Estatutos. No se rebasa, pues, el perímetro de la autonomía universitaria, tal y como se configura legalmente, y por tanto es indudable la validez de los preceptos en tela de juicio».

Ha de concluirse, pues, que ese básico criterio decisor de la sentencia aquí recurrida en casación no puede ser confirmado porque es contrario a la doctrina contenida en esa STC 75/1996 (LA LEY 5229/1997) (sic); y que, en consecuencia, el motivo de casación decimotercero (del segundo grupo) merece ser acogido.

SEXTO.-

La acogida de ese motivo de casación que se ha señalado conduce a anular la sentencia recurrida y a que este Tribunal Supremo examine y decida la controversia que fue suscitada en el proceso de instancia (artículo 95.2.d); pero respetando el rechazo decidido por dicha sentencia sobre la inadmisibilidad que fue opuesta por la posible falta de legitimación de los demandantes, por ser acertado lo que se razonó para ello y porque sobre este punto concreto la parte recurrida no ha hecho cuestión en esta fase casacional.

Y otra precisión es conveniente: ese nuevo examen y decisión deben efectuarse en función de lo que fueron los términos del debate en el proceso enjuiciado por la Sala de Valencia.

El problema de fondo que la parte demandante planteó en la instancia se sustenta en una básica idea que está presente en el planteamiento de todos los motivos de impugnación: que los vocablos valenciano y catalán solo son denominaciones de una misma lengua, o lo que es igual, que esos dos vocablos son las distintas denominaciones que esta lengua común recibe en los diferentes territorios donde es
utilizada como lengua propia.

Para apoyar lo anterior se invoca fundamentalmente: que así aparece en dictionarios avalados por prestigiosas instituciones con competencia en materia lingüística; que en la normativa estatal sobre educación la expresión Filología Catalana da nombre a una sola área de conocimiento que agrupa tanto los contenidos académicos correspondientes a la lengua catalana como los correspondientes a la lengua valenciana; y que la equiparación académica del valenciano y el catalán aparece así mismo en los Estatutos de las Universidades de Valencia, Castellón de la Plana y Alicante.

Y la conclusión que se intenta derivar de todo ello es que la aquí discutida convalidación entre títulos o certificados, por estar referidos a lo que en el campo científico se considera un mismo saber académico, es una exigencia del principio constitucional de igualdad que reconocen (en ámbitos distintos) los artículos 14 y 23.2 de la Constitución.

La Generalitat Valenciana, en su contestación a la demanda, la oposición principal que realizó al anterior planteamiento de la parte actora consistió en invocar lo establecido sobre el valenciano en el artículo 7 del Estatuto de Autonomía de la Comunidad Valenciana, y en señalar también que el cumplimiento de ese mandato lo llevó a cabo la Ley autonómica de uso y enseñanza del Valenciano; y con apoyo en esas referencias normativas argumentó principalmente que la desigualdad entre el valenciano y el catalán no podía ser contraria al artículo 14 de la Constitución porque se basaba en las previsiones que la Ley establecía al efecto.

En la actual fase de casación, el escrito de oposición al recurso presentado por la Generalitat Valenciana ha completado su inicial defensa (frente a esa vulneración del principio de igualdad denunciada de contrario) con este nuevo argumento: que la parte recurrente reconoce que el valenciano es «la variedad de la lengua catalana hablada en la Comunidad Valenciana», y esto significa que, no estando referidos a dicha «variedad» los títulos de esas otras Administraciones cuya convalidación se pretende, no cabe hablar de una diferencia de trato carente de fundamentación razonable y objetiva, ni puede admitirse la existencia de una situación contraria al mandato de igualdad del artículo 23.2 CE.

También se señala en ese escrito de oposición a la casación que el título oficial de Licenciado en Filología Catalana establecido en el Real Decreto 1435/1990 tiene carácter oficial y validez en todo el territorio nacional y, «por tanto, era innecesaria su inclusión en la Orden que determinaba la homologación y convalidación de títulos, por lo que su posterior derogación en ningún caso puede entenderse que excluya la posibilidad de que se efectúe, y más teniendo en cuenta la existencia de previsión expresa en cuanto a la homologación de títulos de niveles inferiores».

SÉPTIMO.-

Ese problema de si son o no lenguas diferentes el valenciano y el catalán ya ha de aceptarse que no está resuelto en el Estatuto de Autonomía de la Comunidad Valenciana, según ha declarado la STC 75/1997 (LA LEY 5229/1997).

Por tanto,
al no tener una solución normativa,

ha de ser considerado como un problema ajeno al Derecho que tiene su sede natural en el ámbito científico o académico, y esto hace que para su decisión

hayan de seguirse en buena medida los patrones que encarnan la llamada doctrina de la discrecionalidad técnica; es decir,

ha de estarse a lo que

sobre dicho problema

haya prevalecido en la doctrina científica.

La consecuencia de lo que antecede, en el caso aquí litigioso, es que la polémica se traslada a esta otra cuestión: determinar cual de las dos partes litigantes ha ofrecido, en defensa de la respectiva solución preconizada, los elementos de convicción más consistentes en ese nivel científico en que hay que situarse.

La respuesta tiene que ser que

la parte demandante ha ofrecido datos suficientes que revelan que esa unidad lingüística defendida por ella tiene un importantísimo reconocimiento en el campo científico y académico

, mientras que la Administración demandada no ha ofrecido datos, procedentes de ese mismo campo, que exterioricen la existencia de corrientes doctrinales de similar magnitud que sostengan opiniones discrepantes acerca de si el valenciano y el catalán constituyen o no un mismo sistema lingüístico.

Así lo revelan efectivamente las acepciones que el vocablo «valenciano» tiene en varias ediciones del Diccionario de la Real Academia Española

(la tercera edición revisada de 1985 del Diccionario Manual e Ilustrado de la Lengua Española lo define como «Variedad de la lengua catalana que se habla en la mayor parte del antiguo reino de Valencia»; y tanto la vigesimosegunda edición como la edición escolar de 1995 hablan de «Variedad del catalán que se usa en gran parte del antiguo reino de Valencia y se siente allí comúnmente como lengua propia».

También lo demuestra la legislación estatal de educación

que ha invocado la parte demandante: en el catálogo de áreas de conocimiento que recogía el anexo del Real Decreto 1888/1984, de 26 de septiembre, figuraba la de Filología Catalana; en el apartado IV del catálogo de Títulos Universitarios Oficiales que incluyó el anexo del Real Decreto 1954/1994, de 30 de septiembre, figuró el Título de Licenciado en Filología Catalana; y la Orden de 29 de diciembre de 1995 incluyó en el mencionado anexo del RD 1954/1994 los títulos de Licenciado en Filología, Sección Hispánica (Valenciana) y de Filosofía y Letras, División Filología (Filología Valenciana), como homologados o equivalentes al título de Filología Catalana, y expresó que así se hacía a propuesta del Consejo de Universidades.

Y en el mismo sentido se manifiestan los Estatutos de varias Universidades existentes en el territorio de la Comunidad Valenciana

(esto es algo que resulta de la STC 75/1997 (LA LEY 5229/1997) y que la Administración demandada tampoco ha desmentido).
Es especialmente significativo el acuerdo de la Academia Valenciana de la Lengua de 9 de febrero de 2005, por el que se aprueba el dictamen sobre los principios y criterios para la defensa de la denominación y la entidad del valenciano. En este dictamen se afirma que la lengua propia e histórica de los valencianos, desde el punto de vista de la filología, es también la que comparten las Comunidades Autónomas de Cataluña y de las Islas Baleares y el Principado de Andorra, y que las diferentes hablas de estos territorios constituyen una lengua, un mismo sistema lingüístico; se dice también que compartir una lengua no implica que los valencianos no tengan unas señas de identidad y unas características propias, y que las perciban como claramente diferenciadas de las de otros pueblos que usan esa misma lengua; y que es un hecho que en España hay dos denominaciones igualmente legales para designar esta lengua: la de valenciano y la de catalán.

Este Acuerdo de la Academia Valenciana de la Lengua es ciertamente posterior a la Orden controvertida, pero puede ser aquí tenido en cuenta. Primero porque al ser un hecho notorio no puede ser desconocido; y, segundo, porque no expresa nuevos hechos sino una opinión científica que es coincidente con la ya manifestada por otras instituciones de parecida naturaleza.

La línea argumental seguida por la Generalitat Valenciana en su escrito de oposición a la casación viene a reconocer lo anterior, desde el momento en que pone el acento de su oposición en que el valenciano es una variedad de la lengua catalana y en que es el dato de esa variedad el que justifica la dualidad de certificaciones administrativas que preconiza y la supresión de convalidaciones.

OCTAVO.-

Lo último que acaba de afirmarse produce un nuevo desplazamiento del tema litigioso a esta otra cuestión: si ese dato de la existencia de variedades dentro de un mismo sistema lingüístico es, por sí solo, suficiente para mantener que las titulaciones y certificaciones diferentes correspondientes a cada una de ellas no puedan ser convalidadas unas con otras.

Es cierto que la discrecionalidad inherente al poder político que ostentan las Comunidades Autónomas exige respetar los criterios de oportunidad que hayan asumido en su acción de gobierno, pero no lo es menos que esta acción de gobierno está vinculada a las exigencias que impone la observancia de los derechos fundamentales.

Entre estos últimos figuran las manifestaciones del principio de igualdad garantizadas por los artículos 14 y 23.2 CE que, como es sabido, impiden diferencias de trato que no tengan una clara y suficiente justificación objetiva; y, por lo que se refiere a la acción pública que realice esas diferencias de trato, imponen a la correspondiente Administración que la lleve a cabo la carga de ofrecer la justificación que resulta necesaria.

De nuevo hay que decir que...
sigue perteneciendo al campo científico la cuestión de si esas variedades dentro de un mismo sistema lingüístico son o no razón bastante para establecer titulaciones distintas no equiparables ni convalidables. Lo cual

, unido a lo anterior,

significa que recaía sobre la Generalitat Valenciana la carga de señalar las razones de índole científico y académico que justificaban la supresión de convalidaciones que es aquí

objet de discusión.

La justificación no se ha aportado y, además, esa supresión resulta contradictoria con las soluciones presentes en la normativa de educación del Estado.

Así: la titulación académica de mayor rango, la de Licenciado en Filología Catalana, otorga equivalencia para su obtención a los estudios que se hayan cursado tanto sobre catalán como sobre valenciano; esa titulación académica es la que habilitará para impartir enseñanzas en los distintos niveles del sistema educativo e incluso para realizar en las Universidades actividades de investigación sobre la específica manifestación del saber que representa la variedad lingüística del valenciano; y

esa misma normativa del Estado evidencia que las titulaciones académicas sobre materia lingüística están configuradas sobre sistemas lingüísticos y no sobre variedades pertenecientes a un mismo sistema.

Y en un plano de pura racionalidad no parece demasiado convincente que en una certificación administrativa, cuya finalidad es facilitar en la lengua valenciana la comunicación del ciudadano con la Administración pública, se exija un nivel de especialización mucho más intenso que el requerido para la enseñanza y la investigación universitaria.

La conclusión, pues, debe ser que merece ser acogida la vulneración del principio de igualdad que fue invocada en la demanda del proceso de instancia para apoyar la pretensión que en ella se ejercitaba.

NOVENO.-

Lo antes razonado conduce, en consecuencia, a declarar haber lugar el recurso de casación y a estimar el recurso contencioso-administrativo deducido en el proceso de instancia.

Y en cuanto a las costas procesales, no son de apreciar circunstancias para hacer especial imposición sobre las correspondientes a la instancia ni sobre las de esta fase de casación (art. 139 de la Ley jurisdiccional).

FALLAMOS

1.- Haber lugar al recurso de casación interpuesto por ACCIÓ CULTURAL DEL PAÍS VALENCIÀ y SINDICAT DE TREBALLADORS I TREBALLADORES DE L'ENSENYAMENT DEL PAÍS VALENCIÀ-INTERSINDICAL VALENCIANA contra sentencia de 1 de julio de 1999 de la Sala de lo Contencioso-Administrativo del Tribunal Superior de Justicia de la Comunidad Valenciana y anular dicha sentencia a los efectos de lo que se declara a continuación.

2.- Estimar el recurso contencioso administrativo interpuesto en el proceso de
instancia y anular, por no ser conforme a Derecho, la Orden de 22 de diciembre de 1995 de la Consellería de Cultura, Educación y Ciencia de la Generalidad Valenciana.

3.- No hacer pronunciamiento especial sobre las costas procesales del proceso de instancia, ni sobre las causadas en el presente recurso de casación.

Así por esta nuestra sentencia, lo pronunciamos, mandamos y firmamos

PUBLICACIÓN.-

Leída y publicada fue la anterior sentencia por el Excmo. Sr. Magistrado Ponente de la misma, estando celebrando audiencia pública la Sala Tercera del Tribunal, el mismo día de su fecha, lo que certifico.
CHANGE REQUEST NUMBER 2006-129

Dear Sirs of ISO 639-3 Registration Authority:

I want to declare my full support to the proposal and inclusion of the Valencian language in the ISO code. It is essential that a current language, recognized as official language in its territory and in the Valencian public administration, the language of all teaching levels (from elementary education to university) is included and registered in the ISO code.

There are no doubts or hesitations in the legal framework.

As teacher in the “Escuela Politécnica Superior” (“Polytecnic High School”) at Alcoy, I teach in Valencian language with textbooks written in that language. I also use Valencian language for all the texts and writings in the different cabinet meetings and governing boards I belong to.

For all the reasons before mentioned, it is essential for our language to have its own ISO code, what is unlikely is that our language has not got it yet.

Best regards,

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Dear Sirs:
I write you to express my firm support to the ISO code request for Valencian language.
I am a professor in the Universitat Politècnica de València (Polytechnical University of Valencia), and I use this language to teach and to publish the learning materials, and I am negatively affected in the classifications of my works, not to have assigned an ISO code. A recent example is the teaching book: "Resolució sistemàtica d'exercicis" de física" ("Systematic resolution of physics' exercises"), written in Valencian language, with the ISBN: 84-8363-023-0. So, we have an urgent necessity to have our own classification in the ISO code's register.
Most of the valencian professors joins this demand, because we cannot understand how a language which is official in our land, remains without its own assigned code; resulting this in problems and obstacles for our professional and teaching development.
For all the stated above, I reiterate my full support to the ISO code request for Valencian language.
With my kindest regards,

Albert Marin Sanchis

Born in 1957 in València
Doctor in Industrial Engineering from 1994, in the field of Applied Acoustics.
Professor in the "Universitat Politècnica de València" from 1985
Author and co-author of different teaching works, all published by the "Servici de Publicacions de la UPV" (Publications Service of the Polytechnical University of Valencia), like, among others:
- Experimental Course of Physics (1984)
- Humid air and air conditioning (1988)
- Fonamentals of acoustics: introduction and measurement (1995)

As researcher, my investigation has focused in the field of Applied Acoustics. Author and co-author of more than 60 publications in national and international magazines as well as congresses, like:
- Acustica-Acta acustica
- Applied Acoustics
- Noise and Control Worldwide
- Noise & Vibration Worldwide
I have participated in diverse investigation projects approved and subsidized by the national administration; the last one, coordinated with other three research centers of Spain: "Instituto de Acústica" (CSIC) ("Acoustics' Institute"), "Universidad de Valladolid" ("University of Valladolid") and "Universidad Politécnica de Madrid" ("Polytechnical University of Madrid")
Dear SIL formers,

I was looking at the SIL CRI ISO 639-3, and I found an irregularity that affects my language, the Catalan. As I can see, the request coded as 2006-129, refers to the 'valencian' as a separated language, instead of appear within the catalan language. This fact could seem a triviality, but it isn't. Some people are taking political profit of this. The language is an international human heritage, and must not be used in benefit of personal wills; even less in benefit of people who wants to divide and dialectalize it, with the only will of make the formers of a human community face against themselves, feeding the speech of some political parties who, literally, live on this synthetic conflict.

Catalan is an unified language, spoken at the east iberic coast since the X century. Before the Valencia conquest in XIII by James I, king of Aragon, there was no romance literature at our land. The Royal Academy of Valencian Culture says in its request that there were written evidences of a 'valencian language', previous to the aragonese-catalan conquest. Since nowadays, nobody has found those evidences in any registry, university or document deposit; the called 'harches' are a swindle. Neither universities, nor recognized authorities would accept the existence of those documents, because they are an invention. If we take another look at the request, we could see that none of the requesters are recognized to have any linguistic authority: a few town councils, some independent publications and the spanish delegation (diputació de valencia). All of them are organisms whose only function is economic administration.

Note that the only recognized bureau to regulate linguistical subjects is missing, the Valencian Academy of Language (www.avl.gva.es). Without the approval of this entity, designated at our autonomous constitutional law, no linguistical resolution does work. I invite you to ask this entity, I'm sure that their answer will be quick and clear.

Last, I would show a very big evidence of the inexistence of a diferenciated 'valencian language', is the lack of any Valencian Filology career or titulation at our country. The only one, legitim and approved by the law is the Catalan Filology titulation, who is teach at all our linguistic dominion, and every year counts on more of a thousand new inscriptions.

I'm sure that SIL will be at the side of scientifism and thruth, defending the integrity and survival of the whole language-communities, and will reject the great 2006-129 swindle, who only wants to cut off our beloved idiom to destroy us.

Regards,

Daniel-Ricard Soriano i Argente (Valencia, Europe [ES])
Dear Sir:
My name is Vicente Serra Serra. I am Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at the Faculty of Medicine in the University of Valencia (Spain). I was born in the Valencian Community and I am proud of my Valencian origin. As a member of the University community of Valencia, I have always been interested in the study of my own culture, the Valencian culture, as part of the Spanish culture and traditions. One of our most valuable cultural treasures is our language, the Valencian language.

The Valencian language is as old as our national language, the Spanish language. As an example, the first translation of the holy bible was not made into Spanish but into the Valencian language. There are also very many writers that have written all their work in the Valencian language throughout the years (i.e. Joan Martorell, Jaume Roig, Ausias March, Bonifaci Ferrer, Sor Isabel de Villena, Joan Roïc de Corella, etc), reaching its maximum splendor in the 15th and 16th centuries (the so-called golden century of the Valencian culture). Even the famous Spanish writer Miguel Cervantes (author of El Quijote) also wrote several times about the importance of the Valencian language. Because of all this, we feel that we have received an important cultural heritage, the Valencian language, and that we have the privilege, the right and the duty of transmitting and expanding our language to the next generations. We also feel that the Valencian language has all the merits to receive an international recognition and from the community of the University of Valencia we would welcome all initiatives that help to conquer these goals. For all these reasons, I give all my support to the ISO recognition for the Valencian language, differentiated from any other language, in order to make justice to the present and historical facts of this language.

Yours sincerely

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I firmly support the ISO code request for Valencian language.

As a teacher I am used to teach and publish my works and learning materials in this language. I am negatively affected in my works classifications for having not an assigned ISO code. We can take as a recent example the last bibliographical teaching work for "Universidad Politecnica de Valencia" ("Polytechnic University of Valencia"), written in Valencian language and titled:

"Resolució sistemàtica d'exercicis" de física: ISBN 84-8363-023-0

("Systematic resolution of physical exercises" ISBN 84-8363-023-0)

We have an urgent need to have our own classification in the ISO code's register.

All the Valencian teaching system joins this demand, which has been widely commented and denounced. We can not understand how an official language with the status as ours has, remains without its own assigned code; resulting this in problems and obstacles for our professional and teaching development.

For all the stated above, I reiterate my full support to the ISO codes request for Valencian language.

With my kindest regards,

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I have focused my investigation in the field of Applied Acoustics. Having more than 50 publications of national and international magazines as well as congresses, as researcher I have joined different research projects approved and subsidized by national administration and being the main researcher in one of them, coordinated with three others from the "Institut d'Acústica" (CSIC) ("Acoustics' Institute"), "Universidad de Valladolid" ("University of Valladolid") and "Universidad Politécnica de Madrid" ("Polytechnic University of Madrid") .

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Dear Sirs:
I write you to express my support to the ISO code request for Valencian language. Valencian language is not only my mother tongue but the language that I use in my academic and teaching activities.

It can be said that valencian is similar to other Latin-born languages, especially to Castilian SPA, Catalan CAT and Occitain OCI. But in the same sense it is different with differences among them.

As you certainly now valencian has an old and large literature (that is being erroneously classified to my understanding -and even more the understanding of the same authors that claim themselves to write in Valencia Language-).

At the present version of the ISO 639-2 code CAT identifies Catalan and Valencian. I cannot understand the origin of that mistake but is like having Czech CZE and Slovak SLO being codified with the CZE or Galician GLG and Portuguese POR being codified with GLG.

I strongly support the requirement of considering valencian language in your codification.

I will be glad if I can help you to solve any query you might have over the Valencian Language and its reality.

Yours faithfully,
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Departament d'Organisació d'Empreses
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My name is Vicente Reynal, Ph.D. My curriculum can be seen at my webpage: www.lanzadera.com/virrey.

I've been professor at the University of Puerto Rico, at the Humanities Department, since 1970 till 2001. My Ph.D. is in Philology, from the University of Valencia (Spain).

My first language was "Valentian" (Valenciano), the language of my parents, a romanic language born at the beginning of the Middle Ages, at the Valentian Comunity or "Reino de Valencia", Spain, where I was born. At the same time, we learned Spanish, because the Community of Valencia historically is part of Spain. I learned English, as a third language, at the Loyola University, Chicago, where I earned a M.A. in Spanish Literature.

I am sure that the "valencian" language is a different language, though similar to other romanic languages. In my book: Civilizaciones de Occidente (San Juan/Madrid, many editions, the last one in 2006) I clearly establish that that the "Valenciano" is a language with a different history and evolution than "Catalan", as it has been stated by many writers, linguistics and historians.

Therefore, I join to the request of change number 2006-129

Sincerely yours,

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Member of the "Real Academia de Cultura Valenciana", in Puerto Rico
My name is Mónica Catalá, Ph.D. and I teach at the Polytechnic University of Valencia, at the Chemistry Department. My Ph.D. is in Chemistry, from the University of Valencia (Spain).

I was born in the Valencian Community and I am proud of my Valencian origin. Our historical Valencian Language has always existed as a written Romance language since the early Xth century, and it was the first neo-Latin language having a Literary Golden Century (15th and 16th centuries). Our historical Valencian Language had the first Bible translated into a neo-Latin language from Latin in 1478 by Fray Bonifaci Ferrer (presently exhibited at the Hispanic Society of New York). Our historical Valencian Language was a fully structured language having excellent editions of Valencian grammars (1546) in the XV and XVI centuries.

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Yours sincerely

Mónica Catalá
Dear Sir:

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QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS.
Ref. : ISO 639-3 Change request documentation for:2006-129, related to the historical VALENCIAN LANGUAGE.

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Dear Madam/Sir,

Find attached the information related to the Change request documentation for:2006-129, to be included in : QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS . The information has already been forwarded to Ms Joan Spanne (ISO 639-3/RA ) but I would be very pleased if you could include my comments in defence of our historical VALENCIAN LANGUAGE . Thanks ever so much for your kind ways.
Yours sincerely,

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Catedrática de Lengua Inglesa
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To whom it may interest.

As a Catedrática (Professor) of English Language and Roman Languages Philologist, and member of the Colectiu Lluís Fullana de Professors d’Universitat i Doctors de VALENCIA I want to express my strongest support for the “change request documentation for the 2006-129, i.e. the recognition of the Valencian Language as an independent language at all level of use”.

With the purpose of clarifying some essential facts in defence of our historical Valencian Language and dismounting the insidious campaign against it developed, world-wide, by the fast-growing Catalan nationalism, I want to express my strongest support for that project. I am also enclosing here some unquestionable historical facts in defence of our old language. That insidious campaign has been perfectly designed to supplant our historical Valencian Language by the artificial Barceloni dialect (now called Catalan).

The strong publishing Catalan industry as well as the powerful financial means (provided by the Catalan nationalist Government) have been in charge of its marketing and its most effective world-wide campaign.

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On the contrary, it is an unquestionable fact that the Barceloní dialect (now called modern Catalan):

1. Is a modern-laboratory invention produced by the industrial engineer Pompeu i Fabra in 1906. The “Barceloní dialect” was chosen as standard among the different dialects spoken in Catalonia.

2. Catalan did not exist as a standardized language in the 19th century: it was just one of the various Provenzal dialects.

3. According to the Father of the modern Romance Linguistics, the German linguist Friedrich Diez, *Catalan has always been a mixture of Provençal dialects* (“Grammatik der romanischen Sprachen”.1836). The same opinion was expressed by his disciple the Swiss linguist Meyer Lübecke (“Grammaire des Langues Romanes”.1980) and a large number of international linguists.

4. Modern Catalan standard was produced by a non-linguist amateur (the industrial engineer Pompeu Fabra) and derived into an artificial laboratory language full of gallicisms and archaisms.

5. Catalan has always had a very poor literary background and lacks the Golden Century Literature produced in the Valencian language in the 15th-16th centuries.

6. That is the reason for the Catalan shameful plundering of our Valencian literary heritage, for the process of extermination of our historical Valencian language and for its present supplantation by the Barceloni dialect.

Historically, Valencia has always been a Kingdom, with its own “FURS” (laws) and with a brilliant literary tradition and culture, whereas Catalonia has only been a poor collection of feudal Counties with a very poor background in all matters.

To our surprise, what used to be a historical golden language (Valenciano) has now become a “dialect”. And what used to be a dialect (Barceloni/Catalan) has now become a “language” ... So much for Catalan magic and sleight of hand.

Phoney Catalan nationalists and their overpowerful army of publishers have made the *chameleon* trick. However, there is also a dangerous intention: their purpose is to colonise, mentally and socially, the indoctrinated Valencian youth as well as turning their Barceloni dialect into a prosperous “money-making-machine”. Most Valencian pupils and students are being defined as “the useful idiots” of this prosperous nationalist
business. The University of Valencia (Estudi General) is part of this totalitarian
complot as it has been overtaken by Catalan nationalist forces. Their negative
notes/comments against this honourable project should be totally ignored by your
institution, since they are the result of an orwellian project: Catalan Big Brother is
intensively working here.

The RACV (Royal Academy of Valencian Culture) has been the real authoritative
institution for our historical Valencian Language over the last one hundred years. It
was appointed as “Royal” by the King of Spain Juan Carlos I on March 8th 1991, and
all its Academic members are reputed University Professors. On the contrary, the
Valencia University (Estudi General) has dropped its standards over the last few years
and, due to the strong influence of the national-Catalanist forces, and its leftist unionists
teachers, has become dogmatic and lacks credibility in all linguistic matters.

In short you will receive a documented book ( “Cronología Histórica de la Lengua
Valenciana”. 2007) written by Mª Teresa Puerto Ferre / Joan Culla and published by the
President of the State Diputación of Valencia, Mr Fernando Giner. It contains hundreds
of literary/historical documents related to our Valencian Language. It is the necessary
antidote against the fast-growing linguistic Catalan neofascism in Valencia and the best
support for our request. Historically, it is impossible to find something similar about
the Barceloni dialect (now called Catalan): simply because it doesn’t exist.

Thanks for your interest and your kind ways.

Yours faithfully,

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Dear Sir, Joan Spanne:

My name is Natividad Nebot Calpe. I am a Professor of Spanish Language and Literature at the Luis Vives Institute of Valencia (Spain). All my mother family are from the Valencian Community and I am proud of my Valencian origin. Since I was a child I have heard my mother and grandparents speaking in the unique and beautiful Valencian language. As a member of the Collectiu Fullana (Universidad Politécnica de Valencia), I have always been interested in the study of my own culture, the Valencian culture, as part of the Spanish culture and traditions. One of our most valuable cultural treasures is our language, the Valencian language.

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We, Valencians, hope that you support the "change request documentation for 2006-129" in order to recognize Valencian language.

Thank you very much in advance,

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Dear auditors of “Part 3 of the ISO 639 family of standards”

I support the ISO code request for Valencian language.

As a medical doctor and writer I am used to publish my works on literature in this language but I am negatively affected in my works classification for having not an assigned ISO code. So, I, as a Valencian writer, has an urgent need to have our own classification in the ISO code’s register. As well as, Valencian language is an old language that has its own independent literature during more than five hundred years. Nowadays, valencian people feel this language as an independent and autonomous one. In fact, Valencian language has its own grammar and dictionary and in this language are published a lot of books every year. So, it is possible to read journals and newspapers in Valencian language, as well as, radio programmes, TV programmes and cinema films.

As a professor I join to this demand because I consider that it is not possible to understand how a language which is official in our land, remains without its own assigned code; resulting this in problems and obstacles for our professional and teaching development.

I support with this letter to Valencian Government (Diputació de Valéncia) and Royal Academy of Valencian Culture (RACV) like a request of the initiative to “change request documentation for 2006-129”.

If you need more details of my argument, please let me know and I will prepare a bigger dossier.

With my kindest regards,

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Llama a tus amigos de PC a PC: ¡Es GRATIS! Pruébalo
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I MANIFEST THAT

1) We professionals in the area of communication and users of the Valencian language (recognised as official language in the Valencian Regional Charter in 1982 and its recent reform in 2006) in our daily work are perplexed to contemplate a situation where the language is not internationally recognised by an institution such as ISO. Lacking an own code for our language limits our publications on paramount ventures on linguistics, computing, mass media, and so on.

2) The Valencian language can be found throughout history and literature of the region of Valencia, crossing even the geographical boundaries of the Valencian people. It is worth noting that the masterpiece of Spanish literature, Don Quixote (early XVIIth century) describes how Joanot Martorell’s Tirant lo Blanch (the most important Valencian novel ever, written in the XVth century) is the only novel to be saved from the fire in the passage of the burning of books, as it is deemed “the best book in the world”.

3) Not possessing an ISO code for the Valencian language puts hurdles for the execution of major linguistic and IT projects, some of them already in progress and others to be tackled in the near future.

For all the above mentioned reasons,

I KINDLY REQUEST THAT

The Valencian language is given an ISO code so that we writers, journalists and native speakers in general can use our language with absolute normality in areas where it would be difficult to do otherwise without the code.

València C., 29 June 2007
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- València és Noticia (VéN). Editor. (Since May 2005)
- Lletrafaller, Revista fallera per a valencians. Director and Editor. (Since March 2004)
- Lletraferit, Revista cultural de València. Editor. (Since June 2003)
- Ràdio 97.7. Presenter. Fellow member in the programme Raonant related to Valencian socio-cultural and political current issues. (From February to July 2003)
- Panorama-Actual (Prensa del Mediterráneo), Valencian Digital Newspaper. Editor. (From December 2002 to July 2003)

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- Ex aequo award Botànic Cavanilles from Conselleria d’Agricultura, Peixca i Alimentació (Generalitat Valenciana). Traçat territorial valencià per al Segle XXI. (Valencia, October 2005)
- 3th Prize in “V certamen estatal de Joven Periodismo Ambiental” from Fundación EFE, Asociación de Periodistas de Información Ambiental (APIA), Tetra Pak i StoraEnso. El
ruído contamina y afecta a la salud (The noise pollutes and affects the health). (Madrid, June 2004).
- 5th Prize from “Premi de poesia festiva”. Concurs de Llibrets de Falla. New Writers Category. (Valencia, March 2006)

· ACADEMIC WORKS AND PUBLICATIONS

- Els verps en llengua valenciana i la seua flexió. Ed. RACV. Valencia 2006 (Author)
- Corrector Ortogràfic de Llengua Valenciana 1.0. RACV. (Coordinator; Valencian spell checker in progress)
- López, V. (dir.) Diccionari General de la Llengua Valenciana. Ed. RACV. Valencia (Editor-Collaborator; awaiting publication)
- Diccionari Ortogràfic Valencià-Castellà/Castellà-Valencià (4th ed.) Ed. RACV. Valencia (Collaborator; awaiting publication)
Dear Sir/Madam of the ISO 639-3 Registration Authority:

I am a Doctor of Philology with a degree in Valencian Philology and Spanish Language from The University of Valencia and I believe that the Valencian language should have its own independent ISO code for the following reasons:

a) The Valencian language has always been considered a language and from the 14th century it has been denominated as "Valencian", a term that has been well documented in classic Valencian literature from the 14th century to the present day.

b) The Valencian language is today the language with almost four million speakers and is the official language of the Valencian Community, according to its Statute of Autonomy and the Spanish Constitution.

c) The Valencian language forms part of occitan-romanic diasistema, along with the occitan language and the Catalan language, but it has own linguistic characteristics and as such is considered an distinct language.

d) Nowadays there is a tendency to consider the Valencian language as a dialect of the Catalan language, but this is for political reasons rather than linguistic ones. This is also related to the secessionist ambitions of Catalan nationalism, adding the so called Valencian dialect to the Catalan language would increases its speakers by four million and so the Catalan language would gain weight within the family of European and Spanish languages. At the same time the Catalan linguistic tradition appropriates much of what is in fact classic Valencian literature, which is very well thought of in international romantic literary circles. This is due to the fact that the Catalan language does not possess a relevant literature during the middle ages, and in appropriating the Valencian tradition is able to widen its publishing market.

e) From a strictly linguistic and scientific point of view, the Valencian and Catalan languages have two different phonetic systems, two separate ways of accentuating, distinct ways of forming the plural, different genders for the same words, different forms of the demonstrative, and of the possessive, different forms for the same numerals, different ways of naming the letters, different forms for the neutral article, different ways of using the weak pronouns, different uses for the same prepositions and as well as distinct forms for some prepositions, different syntactic uses, distinct systems for naming the hours and the days of the week, different systems for forming the suffix, two distinct uses of the verbs estar and ser, two forms of the same participles, and for the same infinitives, different imperfect subjunctive verb tenses, two distinct imperatives and different verbal flexions, as well as many other lexical differences.

f) Between the Valencian and Catalan languages there is a high degree of inter
understanding as they are two neighbouring romantic languages, but in daily life the
Catalan language is not acceptable in the Valencian Community, just as the Valencian
language is not acceptable in Catalonia, in fact public institutions, textbooks, computer
correctors and even advertisings do not use a unified model of language. It is interesting
to note that the advertisments of Catalan companies, that are broadcast in Catalan in
Catalonia are translated into Valencian when they are broadcast on Valencian television.
This simple fact shows that there are two different linguistic realities. On a more
academic level we should remember that the textbooks for Catalan language education
are not used in Valencian schools, where a different textbooks are in use.

g) Historically, popularly and legally, in Valencia the name "Valencian" is given to our
own language and in Catalonia it is named "Catalan" in their own language. This an
historically indisputable fact that answers to a linguistic reality.

h) The Valencian language possesses its own spelling, grammar and dictionary, as any
consolidated language, in fact, the first bilingual dictionary in a romantic language
Valencian-Latin is the Liber elegantiarum, by the Valencian author Joan Esteve,
completed in 1472 and published in Venice in 1489; the first printing press installed in
Spain was in the city of Valencia in 1474 and the first printed book was a book in
Valencian entitled Trobes in Lahors de la Verge Maria; on the same press and published
in 1478 the first Bible in a romantic language was also written in Valencian by the
Valencian friar Bonifaci Ferrer. In the 18th century Carles Ros made his lexicographical
work publishing two Valencian dictionaries, one in 1739 and the other in 1764. In the
19th century there appeared a dictionary compiled by Josep Mª Cabrera, Rosanes,
Luís Lamarca and the most comprehensive valencian diccionarie made by Josep Escrig
and Martí Gadea. In the 20th century we can read the philological studies of the
valencian philologist Lluís Fullana and his Orthographic Rules of 1914, his Elemental
Grammar for the Valencian language of 1915 and his Valencian Orthographic
Vocabulary of 1921. At the end of the 20th century and at the beginning of the 21st we
find diverse Valencian grammars, the Spelling of the Valencian Language byf the Royal
Academy of Valencian Culture and the Valencian dictionaries compiled by this public
foundation, which from 1915 has dedicated itself to the study and standardisation of the
Valencian language.

i) As we can see, the Valencian language is not a simple dialect or linguistic variant of
another language without written tradition. On the contrary it relies on its own set of
linguistic peculiarities and has a long written tradition of both literary and grammatical
works which demonstrate that it is absolutely necessary that the Valencian language
possesses its own independent code so that books written in the Valencian language
can be catalogued in libraries as works written in the Valencian language and not in
another one, among other things, the Valencian language could also be differentiated
from other romantic languages on the Internet and in computer software, such as
orthographic correctors and computer translators ….

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I have been a teacher of the Valencian language and a Culture and heritage adviser for the local government in València, as well as Adviser to the president of the Valencian Parliament.

Tenured Academic and Director of the Valencian Language and Literature section of the Royal Academy of Valencian Culture, being a member of the Editorial Commission for Spelling in Valencian-Spanish/Spanish-Valencian dictionaries.

I am the founder and president of the Committee for Valencian Idioms, General Secretary of the Association of Writers in the Valencian Language, president of the courses section of Valencian Language and Culture of Lo Rat Penat (Association for the Promotion of Valencian Culture and Language), secretary of the Royal Academy of Valencian Culture and founder member of Colectiu Fullana of University Professors and Ph D members.

I have contributed to diverse anthologies such as Xavier Casp's Anthology of poetry, published by the Valencian ministry of Culture, and to an Anthology of Patriotic Valencian poetry. I have published, with great commercial success, the book Proposal of an Oral Standard in the Valencian Language, which was adopted by the RACV as their official Valencian language standard, a summary of Valencian riddles titled Endevina endevina, a treatise about poetical meter, or the book L'Horta of Valéncian speech and "dins del dialecte apichat", among others.

I have published a lot of linguistic and literary articles in specialized journals, particularly regarding my studies on Valencian lexicography.

I have given diverse conferences on Ausias March (medieval Valencian poet) in Valencian Community, and I was called by the Spanish Embassy in Andorra to speak about this Valencian poet in the year Ausias March. I am literary commissioner of the exhibition "The Món d'Ausias March".

I have published a facsimile edition of Ausias March´s testament, which is preserved in the "Archiu del Regne" de Valencia (Royal Valencian Archives), edition that includes transcriptions and studies on this important document which sheds light on poet's life. I have also published a transcription and Linguistic study of Ausias March’s poems in the Cançoner (songbook) in Saragossa, also a facsimile edition. I published a study on Juan de Resa’s valencian language vocabulary that appears in a facsimile edition of Ausias March’s poems which was published for the first time in 1555 in Valladolid (Castilian Kingdom).

I am author and co-author of various studies of the “Série Filològica” of the Royal Academy of Valencian Culture, numbers 6, 13, 19, 24, 25...

In 2004 I gave some conferences overseas, such as in France at the “Faculté de Carmes de Nîmes”, Valencian a romantic language in the occitano romanic diasistema and I was the representative of the Valencian language at the IX International Conference on Rights and Language in Peking, and for the Universal Declaration of Linguistic Rights in the case of Valencian.

I am currently working on the compilation of a General Dictionary of the Valencian language for the Royal Academy of Valencian Culture.
Dear Sir/Madam of the ISO 639-3 Registration Authority, based on the applicable legislation currently in force in the Valencian Community, the argument and justification for the Valencian language needing to be registered in the ISO standards family is made in the arguments that are presented below. Reviewing current applicable legislation, beginning with the Spanish Constitution and later passing on to the Statute of Autonomy for The Valencian Community, which say:

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All of the above provides a sufficient legal and judicial basis to demonstrate that the Valencian Language exists and can count on its own code and registration in Part 3 of the ISO 639 family of Standards, Codes for the representation of names of languages.

Yours Faithfully.

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Dear Sirs,

I firmly support the creation of a specific code for Valencian [vac].

Auvergnat [auv], Gascon [gsc], Languedocien [Inc], Limousin [lms],
Provençal [prv] are dialects of the Occitanian language, but have their own ISO
code.

A Fala de Xalima [fax] is not a language, but a set of Portuguese dialects
spoken in Spain, and has its own ISO code.

Galician [glg] is the same language than Portuguese [por], and, in fact,
Galician politicians in the institutions of the European Union are allowed to speak
in Galician because their language is considered Portuguese [por].

The Mirandés [mwl] is not a language, but an Asturian dialect [ast] and
has its own ISO code. The very few writers in Mirandes collaborate in Asturian
newspapers using their own dialect. You can request on information from the
Academia de la Llingua Asturiana [www.alla.es]

The Sardinian is a single language but it has two codes, [src] and [sdc].
There are a lot of examples alike.

Valencian has its own features, not shared but any other dialect or
language. Besides this, the Valencian people has the conscience to speak
“Valencian”.

Apart of the relationships with other Romance languages, the Valencian,
as showed by other contributors on this website, has a right to have its own ISO
code.

Sincerely,

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find attached my request for the above issue.

Your faithfully,

Enrique
Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to you to publicly adhere to the campaign demanding an ISO code for the Valencian language. As a linguist, translator, language lecturer and native speaker of Valencian, I deem the inclusion of the Valencian language within the ISO codes to be of paramount importance.

Not only is the Valencian language co-official together with Spanish in the Valencian community in Spain, but also a vehicle of everyday communication at all social, cultural, professional and academic levels. Hundreds of years of use have shaped a distinctive linguistic and cultural community and identity within Spain with few links to other regional languages.

Valencian-speaking people are utterly conscious of their linguistic and cultural identity and for this reason I consider an ISO code would enable them to use their mother tongue in a wider spectrum of activities.

I would like to thank you for your attention and I hope you can consider our petition.

Yours faithfully,

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Diploma de Traducción e Iniciación a la Interpretación. (Diploma of Translation and Introduction to Conference Interpreting). Universitat de València (Spain).

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Licenciatura en Filología Inglesa (=B.A. in English). Facultad de Filología. Universitat de València (Spain).

Other relevant studies

Teaching


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From 2006 Teacher of English and Spanish as a Foreign Language at the main offices of Gamestop Spain (Valencia).

From July 2004 Teacher of English and Spanish as a Foreign Language at Caxton College (Valencia).

From 2003 Visiting Lecturer at ESIC Business and Marketing School (Valencia). Courses taught: Business English for the degrees in Business and Marketing.

2002-2003 Visiting Lecturer at the School of Modern Languages. Queen Mary College (University of London). Course taught: Auteurist Cinema in Spain


1999-2000 Spanish Assistant at Highbury Grove School and Highbury Fields School.

1997-1999 English teacher at The Oxford Centre (Valencia).

**Translation**

From November 2003 Freelance subtitler for Solegendas, Traduções, Lda. (Lisbon). Multiple documentaries and films subtitled for their DVD editions.

From November 2005 Translator and Interpreter for Gamestop Spain.

From March 2005 Court Interpreter in Valencia. Newroz S.L.


January 2004 Subtitling and interpreting activities for a video produced by Quadrillion for CitiFinancial Spain.


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Research
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February 2004 ‘Aspects of linguistic variation applied to audiovisual translation’ (paper at the conference In So Many Words: Language Transfer On the Screen. London, 6-7 February 2004).

May 2003 ‘The Constraints in Audiovisual Translation: Linguistic Variation’ at University of Roehampton.

April 2003 ‘Audiovisual Translation: An Approach to Subtitling’ at the Centre for Research in Translation at Middlesex University.

April 2003 ‘An Introduction to Subtitling’: seminar given at Universitat de València.

April 2003 ‘The Constraints of Subtitling’: workshop given at Universitat d’Alacant.

September 2002 ‘La función de la mirada en Tesis (Alejandro Amenábar, 1995)’, (paper at ACIS 2002, Universitat de València)

b) Publications

January 2004 Review of Doblatge i subtitulació per a la TV by Frederic Chaume for The Specialised Translation Journal. ISSN 1740-357X. www.jostrans.org/issue01/reviews/chaume.htm

2003-2004 ‘Linguistic Variation in Subtitling’ for the On-line Postgraduate Course on Audiovisual Translation at the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona: www.fti.uab.es/pg.audiovisual/

2000-2005 Film articles in the monthly magazine Lletraferit. ISSN 1136-8179.

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Awards and grants awarded

1999-2000 Scholarship from the Ministerio de Educación y Cultura to be the Spanish Assistant at Highbury Grove School and Highbury Fields School.

1997-1998 Scholarship from the Universitat de València to undertake different administrative tasks in the Departamento de Filologia Inglesa y Alemana.

Dear Sir/Madam of the ISO 639-3 Registration Authority:
I'm writing this letter in support of the petition for a specific ISO denomination for the Valencian language. The Valencian language needs and deserves its own specific ISO denomination as is clearly shown in its history, culture and literature (with a body of historic literature of the highest level).

The Valencian language has, throughout the ages has shown itself to be autonomous, maintaining cultural relations with neighbouring languages (Italian, Catalán, Occitan, Castilian, French), but, at the same time remaining unequivocally independent. The Valencian language occupies a clearly defined position, morfologically, syntactically, and lexically, within the Romance languages, and as such cannot be included within the ISO code for other languages, such as Occitan, Castilian, or Catalan, from which Valencian is structurally different.

We can say that the Valencian language is a mixed language in terms of its affiliations. On one hand, morphologically, syntactically and lexically, it has much in common with the Gallo – Roman languages (such as French, Catalán, Occitan or el Gascon). On the other hand it also has some indisputably Ibero – Roman features (coinciding in Castilian, Galician or Portugese). For example the use of the neutral pronoun ho<HOC, or the use of the of the verb phrase anar + infinitive to refer to the past are Gallo – Roman features. However, other features of the Valencian language differentiate it from its neighbouring Gallo – Roman languages, (such as Occitan or Catalán) like the use of the preposition before the personal direct object or the system of triple demonstratives (aci-ahi-alli).

In the 13th, 14th, and especially the 15th century, the Valencian language underwent an active evolution. This evolution does not suppose an isolated modification of some aspects of the language, rather Valencian is endowed with an organic character, and a coherent, and clearly autonomous structure. This internal evolution of the language, and not only the cultural and economic splendour of the Valencian Kingdom explains the conscious linguistic autonomy of its writers, in naming as being in the Valencian language their literary masterpieces. This conscious autonomy, and the independent functioning of the language, can be manifestly demonstrated , such as in the way in which foreign terms are incorporated: for example, while neighbouring languages, adopt the French word garage, as it is written in French, in Valencian the word is written according to Valencian pronunciation, garaig.

This autonomy is reflected in the existence of Valencian’s own rules, its own dictionaries (of language, of refrains, of synonyms...) and, grammars; as well as extremely diverse technical Works, of language and literature – of meter, for
example-, specifically for the Valencian language. For all these reasons an ISO code that represents the autonomous function, that in practice corresponds to the Valencian language, is necessary.

Yours Faithfully,

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-Attended the conference “The University of Valencia and Humanism”, held in Valencia and Xàtiva, 3rd to the 8th of April 2000 (40 hours).

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- Scholar during the year 1996-7 with the Ministry of Education in the Department of Spanish Language and the Faculty of Philology.
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- Speaker for one hour at the conference La Universitat de València i l'Humanisme: Studia Humanitatis i renovació cultural a Europa i el Nou Món with the title “Sobre los Ethicorum libri III del valenciano Marià Madramany”.
- Contributor to the conference The Spanish Society of Hispanic Studies (2002) titled “Moral concepts and the Christian ethics of Madramany”.

-RESEARCH AT FOREIGN UNIVERSITIES:
- From the 25th of July 2000 until 21st of September 2000 at the Katholieke Universiteit Brussel, under the direction of the rector, Professor Constant Mattheeusen.
- From 24th of June to the 23rd of August of 2001 at the City University of New York, under the direction of Professor Charles Cairns.
- From 10th of June to the 26th of August 2002 at the Warburg Institute of the University of London, under the direction of Jill Kraye (Reader in History of Renaissance Philosophy).

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Yours Faithfully:

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After studying at the Valencian Arts and Trades School, in 1940 and after working as an apprentice in the firm "Víctor de Nalda", in Almácera, he founded, in 1951, along with his brothers José and Vicente a ceramics workshop in his home town.

In 1959 he undertook an expansion of the workshop and it was moved to Tavernes Blanques, where the installations now known as the "La Ciudad de la Porcelana", are situated. These came to give the brand "Lladró" an international renown. He has been awarded, on three occasions, the "Príncipe Felipe" prize for business excellence, awarded by the Ministry of Industry and Energy, in 1993 in the category of Internationalisation, in 1997 in the category of Competitiveness and in 2002 for the management of a Well Known Brand.

In 1973 he gave courses in the Programme for Senior Corporate Management at I.E.S.E. in Barcelona, and participated in Comercial Forum on the Valencian economy on two occasions.

He has given courses at the University of Navarra and at the Chamber of Commerce for Industry and Shipping in New York.

He has been consultant and founder of the television channel Antena 3, consultant to the Hispanic-American Bank, of the "Central Hispano" between 1986 and 1994 and of Tabacalera, S.A. since March 1998. He has held the position of consultant at the Bank of Murcia and Vice President of the Bank of Valencia, amongst his other commercial positions are. Vice President of the Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Shipping in Valencia in 1998. Founding member for the Foundation for Research and Training in Oncology.

In 1972 he was awarded the Silver Medal for Business Achievement and in 1992 was awarded Businessman of the Year in the Valencian Community. In 1997 he was made a member of the Order of Civil Merit. He is commander in the Royal order of the knights of Puig, Patron of the conulate of "La Lonja" in Valencia. In 2005 he was awarded the medal of honour by the University Cardenal Herrera-CEU.
Dear Sir/Madam of the ISO 639-3 Registration Authority.

In the Valencian language it is important to emphasise and highlight its evolution from Latin to the language of today, clearly differentiated from the rest of the Romance languages; several centuries of literature of excellent quality, with titles and authors that that are recognised and celebrated in world culture:

Tirant lo Blanch, de Joanot Martorell (1490)
Cants de Mort, Cant Espiritual..., de Ausias March (siglo XVI)

I cite just some of the most famous and recognised Works from our middle ages only so as not to go on conducting a chronological revision until modern times, this would entail the citing of thousands and thousands of Works, which is not the goal of this letter. What I do want to show is that now distant past, these aforementioned Works as well as all those written and published since, have been expressly designated being written in Valencian 'lengua valenciana'.

There is therefore, an awareness of the language as different and differentiated, that cannot be passed over in the cataloguing of languages by the ISO The Valencian language should be recognised as such with a different code from any other Romance language due to its singular characteristics at a phonetic, morphological, syntactic and lexical level. As a teacher of French, Castilian and Valencian, as a researcher and student of these languages and as above all as a philologist, it is in my opinión absurd to catalogue the valencian language within any other linguistic system. It would be a grave error to pass over the munerous studies that have been carried out on this subject, as it would likewise be to ignore the legal status of Valencian as it is recognised in the Autonomic Statute of the Valencian Community that the Valencian language belongs to all Valencians, extending into all aspects of daily life (legislative, educative, administrative, etc.). As as a part of the education system of the Generalitat Valenciana and as an credited philologist in linguistic matters, I consider that the Valencian language should be recognised at an international level, adopting a its own classification with an ISO standard.

Yours Faithfully,

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· Certificate of Educational Competence in Valencian
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· Diploma of Competence in Valencian (Department of Cultura, Education and Sport. Generalitat Valenciana, 2005)
· Diploma from the examining body for Valencian Knowledge Level Mitjà (Department of Culture, Education and Sport Generalitat Valenciana, 2000)
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· Course in Professional Proof Reading (Cálamo y Cran, 2003)

Publications and prizes
· Contributor to the General Dictionary of the Valencian Language, Royal Academy of Valencian Culture (2005-2006)
· Award Premi Fullana for the best research project on the Valencian Language, Lo Rat Penat 2002.
· Co-author of a number of short stories published in various anthologies and magazines for Valencian language and literature Colps en la paret, Valencian Philology Magazine and Cresol lliterari.
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Yours Faithfully,

José CLIMENT BARBER

*Spanish I.D. number (D.N.I): 19114547 - Y*

Born in Oliva, on the 28th of August 1927

Studied at the seminary “Conciliar” in Valencia with Eduardo Soler, Joaquín Piedra and José Roca; at the Conservatory of Music in Valencia; in the Higher School of Sacred Music in Madrid with T. Manzarraga and Samuel Rubio; and at the Catholic Institute in Paris.

In 1951 he became first organist at Valencia Cathedral and at the “Real Basílica de Nuestra Sra. de los Desamparados”. Since 1981 he has been Canon responsible for sacred music at Valencia Cathedral.

Founder and Director of the Municipal Conservatory of Music, “José Iturbi”, in 1985. Director of the Institute of de Musicology at the Alfonso el Magnánimo Institute, he directs the editions of “Retrobem la Nostra Música” and is president of the Archdiocese Commission for Sacred Music in Valencia.

As organist and as director of the Children’s Choir “Juan Bautista Comes” and if the Choir School “Nuestra Señora de los Desamparados” he has participated in numerous concerts.

He has spoken at numerous conferences and has published articles in the magazines “Anuario Musical del C.S.I.C. y Tesoro Sacro Musica” among others. Among his edited work an historical musical stands out as well as the publication of Valencian folk music and the opera “Omnia Vocata” by Juan Cabanilles, continuing on from H. Anglés in the preparation of the “Opera Omnia Orgánica” of which there are four published volumes. As well as the publication of many works by catedral composers he has brought to light the complete unedited Spanish work of Juan Bautista Comes. Of particular note are: *Juan Bautista Comes y su tiempo* (1972) in collaboration with Joaquin Piedra, *Historia de la Música Contemporánea Valenciana* (1978), *Historia de la Música Valenciana* (1989), *Libro de Tocatas para Cimbal de Vicente Rodríguez Monllor* (1978), *Veinte Sonatas de Rafael Anglés* (2003), *La Catedral de Valencia, devenir musical en el siglo XX* (2005).
Member of the Royal Academy San Jordi in Barcelona and of the Royal Academy of Fine Arts in Valencia. In 1964 obtained the Valencian prize for literatura and has been honored with the Valencia City may special award “els Jocs Florals de la Ciutat i Regne de Valencia”, on three occasions in 1960, 1963 and in 1967.
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Yours Faithfully,

José APARICIO PÉREZ  
Spanish I.D. number(D.N.I): 20369759

Born in Anna, on the 28th of January 1943

Graduated with a degree in Philosophy (1971) and receiving a doctorate in History (1987) from the University of Valencia, at which he was a lecturer in ancient history from the year 1971 until 1976. Joined the Prehistoric Research Service, Valencian delegation, in 1972, and has since 1978 has been a civil servant in the same post through public examination. At present he is Director of the Archaeological Studies Service in the aforementioned provincial corporation, a position obtained through the corresponding public examination.

He has realised more than a hundred excavations and various preservation projects such as in the Iberian town of “la Bastida de les Alcuses, la Cova del Volcán de cullera, Necrópolis ibérica del Corral de Saus, Cova del Parpalló” and recently at the “Cova dels Mosseguellos de Vallada”, as well as various cave painting sites.

He has contributed to the Valencian press as the author of articles, has made television programmes on popular History and archaeology, and has participated in numerous conferences and international debates.

Director of Valencian History and Culture courses, which have been held in Gandia since 1980.

Director of the magazines Serie Histórica (28 issues published), Serie Filológica (23 issues published), Serie Arqueológica (21 issues) and Elea (7 issues) of the Royal Academy of Valencian Culture, furthermore he has written more than fifty articles in Spanish, French, German, and Mexican scientific magazines. Among his published work, Estudio Económico y Social de la Edad del Bronce Valenciano (1976), Las Raíces de Cullera (1977), La Cova Fosca y el Neolítico Valenciano (1977), El Mesolítico en Valencia y en el Mediterráneo Occidental (1979), Las Raíces de Banyeres (1981), La Cova de les Calaveres (1982), Carta Arqueológica de La Safor (1983), Les Arrels del Poble Valencià i de la seua cultura (1988) y La Valencia Prehistórica (2004) are publications of particular note.

At present he is Secretary General of the Spanish Confederation for Local Educational Centres, (CECEL) in the Department of Scientific Research. He has been editor of the two first issues CECEL official magazine.
In 1973 he obtained the “Senyera” prize for historical research from Valencia City may and in 1978 the “Cerdá Reig” prize from the provincial government of Valencia.

He is a holder of the Medal “Duque Real Alfonso el Viejo” of Gandía and the medal of the “Centenario de Lo Rat Penat.”
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Yours Faithfully,

Federico MARTÍNEZ RODA

Spanish I.D.(D.N.I.) – 22605254-A
Place of Birth: Requena,
Date of Birth 11th of November 1950

Degrees in philosophy and in Law from the University of Valencia. In 1979 he obtained his doctorate in History from the same university. He continued with the advancement of his studies at the Free University of Brussels and at the University of Geneva.

Geography and History teacher relief teacher at middle school level. He has been Director of secondary schools in Utiel and in Mislata (1975-1983). Since 1988 he has been a lecturer in the History of political thought at the University “Cardena Herrera-CEU” in Valencia.

At present he is principal researcher for the project “Instituciones valencianas: pasado y presente”(Valencian instiutions past and present). In September of 2001 he was appointed Secretary General of the University “Cardenal Herrera-CEU”. He has worked as a guest lecturer at the University of Krakow (1979) and also at Wroclaw (1981 y 2006); in Lima (Centro Ricardo Palma), in 1983; at the Merchant Navy Academy in the US in King’s Point, Nueva York, 1984; and at the Catholic University of Nicaragua, in 1998 and 2000.

He has been a contributor in the daily newspapers, Las Provincias, Informaciones and El Mundo. He is a consultant to the magazines Historia, Antropología y Fuentes Orales, y APORTES (contemporary history magazine). He has written articles in his specialty in Spanish the Spanish magazines (Saitabi, Dianium, Cátedra Nova, Calendura) and in France (Norois). His published work can be divided into three groups:

   a) Studies on a Valencian theme:
   Requena, notas de geografía activa(1976)
   Utiel: La tierra y los hombres (1978).
   El puerto de Valencia (1980).
   Historia de Lo Rat Penat (2000) de la que fue director.
   Cambio y permanencia en la beneficencia valenciana (2004).
   De Feria Muestrario a Feria Valencia (2005) en colaboración con Daniel Sala.
   “Las Cortes Valencianas Democráticas” (2005).

c) **Studies on Globililization,** *El comercio internacional y los transportes* (1983) and most recently “La Mondialitation et sa perception” (2005).

Member of the Valencian Bar Association, and of the Academy of Ecclesiastical History in Valencia and correspondingly of the Royal Academy of History.

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Vicente Luis SIMÓ SANTONJA

Spanish I.D. number(D.N.I.) – 19128604-X

Born in Alcoy, on the 16th of November 1932

Graduate of Law from the University of Valencia, in 1955, received a doctorate from the same University in 1957. Won a place as assistant lecturer in Civil Law in 1958. He resigned this position three years later on passing the public examinations for Notary in 1961. Notary in Sagunto from 1968, twenty years later he moved to practise as a Notary in the city of Valencia, where he worked until retirement. Presently he is president of the Court of Arbitration in Valencia, he also presides over the agricultural section of the Commission for the Codification of Valencian Civil Law.

Habitual writer of articles in the Valencian press, with more than three hundred Publisher articles, the has also contributed to the daily newspapers ABC y El Mundo. He has published numerous articles in Law magazines such as “Revista Española de Derecho Internacional, Revista General del Derecho, Revista Crítica de Derecho Inmobiliari” as well as in foreign publications such as “Revista do Notariado”.

His Publisher work can be divided into large groups:

a) Of the forty seven professional works on law, of particular note are: “Derecho sucesorio comparado (1968), Capacidad y regímenes matrimoniales de extranjero (1970), La Escuela Portuguesa de Derecho Internacional (1973), Divorcio y separación (1973), Las nuevas potestades económicas” (1976) and in German “Nachlass von Austandern in Spanien” (1976). His last Publisher study was “Compendio de regímenes matrimoniales” (2005). He has also Publisher some well known “Formularios Notariales”.


c) Essays such as “Nuestros vinos”, which obtained the International Wine Office prize, and “¿Valenciano o catalán?” (1975).

d) Collections of poems Duch as “La Bitácora de Celso (1976), A on me’en vaig i que me deixe, Cançons de llaurador (1996), Minims detalls (1997) and
Sonetos nostálgicos” (2002).

e) Novels such as the titles “Dionisi” (1998) and “La torre dels vents”, which won the “Piló” prize in 2005.


He was a member of the Valencian Department of Cultura. Member of Internacional Law Association, Associate of the Hispano-Luso-Americano Institute of Internacional Law, Honorary Vicepresident for Europe and Asia of the International Latin Union of Notaries (UINL), of which he is a permanent advisor. Likewise he is Honorary President of the Human Rights Comisión of (UINL) and its permanent delegate at the Conference of Private Internacional Law at La Haya between 1980 and 1988. Member of the Club de Roma. Honorary Deacon of the Notary Association of Valencia.

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María de los Desamparados Cabanes Pecourt

1. PERSONAL DETAILS
NAME: CABANES PECOURT, María de los Desamparados
ID: 19.338.220
BORN in Valencia, 16th January 1938
ADDRESS: C.M.U. Pedro Cerbuna. Ciudad Universitaria, s/n Zaragoza.
FACULTY OF PHILOSOPHY AND HUMANITIES
DEPARTMENT: Medieval History, Sciences and Techniques of Historiography, Islamic and Arabian Studies at University of Zaragoza.
TEACHING FIELD: Sciences and Techniques of Historiography.
CURRENT CATEGORY: University Professor.

Former head of the department of culture and education in the Valencian Community (GENERALITAT VALENCIANA) 1982

2. DEGREES
2.1 Teaching. Teaching School of “Iglesia Joaquina de Verduna” (1954-1957), revalidated in the Teaching School of Valencia (September 1957)
2.2 BA in Philosophy and Humanities, field of History, in the University of Valencia (1957-1962).
2.3 Graduate: 27th December of 1962, with the thesis “El Cartulario de San Pedro el Viejo de Huesca”, under the direction of Dr. Mr. Antonio Ubieto Arteta. Mark: With honours and subsequent “Premio Extraordinario” (“Extraordinary Award”)
2.5 PhD in History at the University of Valencia: 12th June 1968, with the thesis entitled: Aportación al estudio de la economía eclesiástica del Reino de Valencia en la Baja Edad Media ( “Contribution to the study of the ecclesiastical economy in the Reign of Valencia during the Low Middle Ages”) Under the supervision of Dr Antonio Ubieto Arteta. Mark: With honours.

3. TEACHING WORKING PLACES
3.1 Professor of “Palaeography and Diplomacy” (1963-1965)
3.2 Professor of Ancient and Middle Ages Spanish History in the Faculty of Philosophy and Humanities of Valencia (1963-1971)
3.3 Professor of “Palaeography and Diplomatic” in the Faculty of Philosophy and Humanities of Valencia (1965-1970)
3.4 Professor of “Palaeography and Diplomacy” in the Faculty of Philosophy and Letters of Valencia (competitive examination) (From February 1971 to 31st March 1973)
3.5 Professor of Palaeography and Diplomacy in the Faculty of Philosophy and Humanities of Valencia when the National Adjunct Corps was created. From 1st April of 1973 too 21st December of 1982 with exclusive dedication, since 1st October of 1981 when resigned after being appointed as Councillor for Education in the Valencian Community.
3.6 Professor of Palaeography and Diplomacy, destined to Faculty of Philosophy and Humanities of the University of Murcia, from 22nd December of 1982 to 31st August of 1983. Partially dedication due to the above mentioned occupation.
3.7 Professor of Palaeography and Diplomacy, destined to Faculty of Philosophy and Humanities of the University of Zaragoza, from 1st September of 1983 to present, exclusive dedication.
3.8 Head of the Department of Palaeography and Diplomacy of the Faculty of Philosophy and Humanities of the University of Zaragoza, from 27th October of 1983 to 31st December of 1986.
3.9 Head of the Department of Medieval History, Sciences and Techniques of Historiography and Islamic and Arabian Studies, in the University of Zaragoza, from 20th April of 1988, ratified 3rd May of 1990, to 1st June 1992.

4. TEACHING ACTIVITY
UNIVERSITY OF VALENCIA: From 1963 to 1983.
- Palaeography (3rd Course of History)
- Diplomatics (4th / 5th Course of History)
- Heuristic (4th Course of History)
- Medieval Palaeography II (5th Course of History)
- General Palaeography (5th Course of History)
- Modern Ages Palaeography (5th Course of History)
- Visigothic Italics Writing (Doctorate)
- Royal Court Writing (Doctorate)
- Medieval Chronology (Doctorate)
- Palaeography (Library Science and Documentation Course)
- Geography and History in the Reign of Valencia (3rd Nursing Course)
- Palaeography (4th Course)
- Castilian palaeography (1st Course of Library Science and Documentation)
Latin Palaeography (1st Course of Library Science and Documentation)
Documental Heritage (2nd Course of History)
Palaeography and Diplomatics (3rd Course of History)
Scientific Research Methods and Techniques (3rd Course of History)
Hispanic Palaeography (3rd and 4th Course of History and History of Art)
Visigothic Italics Writing (Doctorate)
XII century Documents from Aragon (Doctorate)
The Document from Aragon (Doctorate)
Gothic writing decline (Doctorate)
Palaeography and Music (Doctorate)

5. RESEARCHING ACTIVITY

The main researching field is the edition of sources to History, but following professional activity requirements there are contributions to: palaeography, diplomatics, sigillography, code studies, mostly focused in Valencia and Aragon.

6. PUBLICATIONS.


36. (in collaboration with R. FERRER NAVARRO and A. HERRERO


41. “Algunos datos sobre el "legajo" de Segorbe”, Homenaje Dr. J. Peset (1983), 401-408.


46. “Cartas de población en el dominio verolense”, Aragón en la Edad Media, VI (1985), 95-123.


49. “La diplomática en la literatura valenciana de Tirant lo Blanch”, Anales


61. La crónica latina de los reyes de Castilla, "Historia 16", nº. 208, agosto 1993, 118-125.


63. “De la minuta al traslado en un documento del siglo XIII”, Homenaje

64. (et alii) Los Reyes de Aragón, Zaragoza 1993, ed. Caja de Ahorros de la Inmaculada (capítulo dedicado a Jaime I), pgs. 81-90.


75. “Signos notariales en la documentación de la Comunidad de Teruel”, en Graphische Symbole in mittelalterlichen Urkunden (Jan Thorbecke Verlag, Sigmaringen, 1996). (En colab. con R. Ferrer Navarro), 749-761

76. (in collaboration with Mª. L. CABANES CATALA) El "Aureum Opus" de


103. (in collaboration with P. PUEYO COLOMINA) “Sigilografia parroquial
de la Encomienda de Aliaga (siglos XVIII-XIX), *Littera Scripta in honorem Prof. Lope Pascual Martinez*, 1, Murcia 2002, 105-120.


7.- RESEARCHING PROJECTS

1. *Filigranas papeleras. Creación de una base de datos al servicio de los Archivos, Bibliotecas, Museos y Centros de Documentación*, del "Programa Nacional de Formación para la Investigación Científica y desarrollo Tecnológico".


3. *Catálogo para una sigilografía parroquial de la diócesis de Zaragoza*, código 249-28, del "Programa de Apoyo a la Investigación de la Universidad
8.- COURSES AND SEMINARS:

1. UNIVERSIDAD DE VALENCIA: Facultad de Geografía e Historia.
   * Curso de Introducción a las técnicas de Archivos y Bibliotecas, curso 1974-75: Paleografía.

* UNIVERSIDAD DE MADRID: Facultad de Geografía e Historia
  * Magister de Archivística y Biblioteconomía.

*. INSTITUCION "FERNANDO EL CATOLICO" (Zaragoza) Course on "Los aragoneses y la expansión mediterránea en la Edad Media" (1987), lecture on "Los aragoneses en la conquista y repoblación de Valencia".

9.- SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS.

*1. Premio Extraordinario de Licenciatura (December 1964) (“Award to the Excellency in the Degree”).

*2. Beca de Mejores Graduados de la Comisión de Protección Escolar: 1963 and 1964. (Award to the Best Graduate)


*5. Research Award "Academia de Cultura Valenciana" with Datos y documentos para un estudio toponímico de la región valenciana, various authors(1980).


10.- CONGRESSES, COURSES AND MEETINGS

* "IV Congrès Internationale d'Etudes Pyrénéennes" (Pau-Lourdes 1962), presentando comunicación.


* "Congresso Luso-Espanhol de Estudos Medievais" (Porto 1968), presentando comunicación.

* "III Congreso Nacional de Historia de la Medicina" (Valencia 1969), presentando comunicación.

* "I Congreso de Historia del P. Valenciano" (Valencia 1971), presentando comunicación.

* "IX Congreso de Historia de la Corona de Aragón" (Nápoles 1973), presentando comunicación.

* "I Jornadas de Metodología aplicada a las Ciencias Históricas" (Santiago de Compostela 1973).

* "VII Congrès Internationale d'Etudes Pyrénéennes" (Seo de Urgel-Andorra 1974), presentando comunicación.

* "II Reunión Nacional de Paleografía y Diplomática" (Granada 1974).

* "X Congreso de Historia de la Corona de Aragón" (Zaragoza 1976), con comunicación.

* "Simposio de los Beatos" (Madrid 1976).

* "VI Internationaler Kongress für Diplomatik" (München 1983).

* "Minorités et Marginaux dans la France méridionale et la Péninsule Ibérique" (Pau 1984).

* "II Jornadas Luso-Espanholas de Historia Medieval" (Porto 1985).

* "Primer Congreso General de Historia de Navarra" (Pamplona 1986).

* "VII Congreso Internacional de Diplomática" (Valencia 1986).

* "I Coloquio de Sigilografía" (Madrid 1987).

* "IV Simposio Internacional de Mudejarismo: Economía" (Teruel 1987), presentando comunicación.

* "XIII Congreso de Historia de la Corona de Aragón" (Palma de Mallorca 1987), presentando comunicación.

* "Congreso Internacional sobre "Lluís de Santàngel i el seu temps" (Valencia 1987), presentando comunicación.

* "XI Congrès International des Archives" (París 1988).

* "XII Settimana di Studio sul tema IMPRESA, COMMERCIO, BANCA. Secc. XIII/XVIII" (Prato, 30 abril/ 4 mayo 1990).

* "XIV Congreso de Historia de la Corona de Aragón" (Cerdeña, 18-24 mayo 1990), presentando comunicación.

* "XV Congreso de Historia de la Corona de Aragón" (Jaca, 20-25 setiembre 1993), presentando comunicación.

* "X Congreso de la Asociación de Archiveros de la Iglesia en España" (Salamanca, 12-16 setiembre 1994), presentando comunicación.

* "I Congreso Nacional Historia del Papel en España y sus filigranas (Madrid/Capellades (Barcelona), 15-18 junio 1995), interviniendo en Mesa Redonda sobre "Estado actual del estudio de las filigranas en España. Proyectos futuros".

* "XI Congreso de la Asociación de Archiveros de la Iglesia en España" (Valencia, 11-15 setiembre 1995), presentando comunicación.

  * "XIº Colloque Comite International de Paleographie Latine" (Bruxelles, 19-21 octubre 1995).

* "XII Congreso de la Asociación de Archiveros de la Iglesia en España" (León, 9-13 setiembre 1996), presentando comunicación.

* "II Congreso Nacional Historia del Papel en España" (Cuenca, 9-12 julio 1997), presentando comunicación.

* "XVI Congreso de Historia de la Corona de Aragón" (Nápoles, 18-24
septiembre 1997).

* "XXX Settimana di Studi sul tema POTERI ECONOMICI E POTERI POLITICI: Secc. XIII/XVII" (Prato, 27 abril/ 1 mayo 1998).

* "XIV Congreso de la Asociación de Archiveros de la Iglesia en España" (Barcelona, 14-17 setiembre 1998).


* "III Congreso Nacional de Historia del papel en España" (Banyeres de Mariola, 1-4 setiembre 1999), presentando comunicación.

* "XV Congreso de la Asociación de Archiveros de la Iglesia en España" (Santiago de Compostela, 13-17 setiembre 1999), presentando comunicación.

* "XVII Congreso de Historia de la Corona de Aragón" (Barcelona-Lérida, 7-12 setiembre 2000), presentando comunicación.

* "XVI Congreso de la Asociación de Archiveros de la Iglesia en España" (Zaragoza, 11-14 setiembre 2000), presentando comunicación.

* "IV Congreso Nacional de Historia del papel en España" (Córdoba, 28-30 junio 2001), presentando comunicación.

* "XVII Congreso de la Asociación de Archiveros de la Iglesia en España" (Jaen, 10-15 setiembre 2001), presentando comunicación.

* Simposio: Paleografía y Diplomática sobre la Edad Moderna (Jarandilla de la Vera [Cáceres], 14 y 15 diciembre, 2001).

* "XVIII Congreso de la Asociación de Archiveros de la Iglesia en España" (Orense, 9-13 setiembre 2002), presentando ponencia.

* “V Congreso Nacional de Historia del papel en España” (Sarrià de Ter [Girona], 2-4 octubre, 2003).

* "XIX Congreso de la Asociación de Archiveros de la Iglesia en España" (La Laguna-Tenerife, setiembre 2003), presentando comunicación.

* “XVIII Congreso de Historia de la Corona de Aragón” (Valencia, 10-15 setiembre 2004), presentando comunicación.
* “VI Congreso Nacional de Historia del papel en España” (Buñol [Valencia], 23-25 junio, 2005).

* "XX Congreso de la Asociación de Archiveros de la Iglesia en España” (Santander, setiembre 2005).

* “VII Congreso de la Asociación Hispánica de Historiadores del Papel” (Monasterio Santa María de El Paular, 28-30 junio, 2007)

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UNDERGRADUATES:


2* Salvador GISBERT TRELIS; El Llibre de fàbrica de Jaume Roig (Valencia 1978).

3* Vicente FEBRER ROMAGUERA; Instituciones y vida de los mudéjares de la Sierra de Eslida (Valencia 1980).

4* Julia CAMPÓN GONZALVO; El Monasterio de Santa María de la Murta (Valencia 1983).

5* María Victoria ASCASO SATUÉ; El "Prosarium-troparium" del archivo de la catedral de Huesca (Zaragoza 1986).

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2* El Libro-registro de los Privilegios de la Albufera, realizada por Mª. José FREIRE MOLINER (Zaragoza 1987).

3* La mozarabía valenciana, realizada por Leopoldo PEÑARROJA TORREJON (Zaragoza 1988).

4* La transición del mundo musulmán al cristiano en el Reino de Valencia, realizada por José Vicente GOMEZ BAYARRI (Zaragoza 1988).

5* El concejo de Teruel en la Edad Media, realizada por Antonio GARGALLO MOYA (Zaragoza 1990).
ADVANCED STUDIES DIPLOMA

1* La documentación del monasterio de Veruela en la primera mitad del siglo XIV, realizado por Francisco Saulo RODRÍGUEZ LAJUSTICIA (Zaragoza 2004).

2* La formación del dominio del monasterio de Santa María de Veruela en la Edad Media: Introducción a su estudio, realizado por Francisco Saulo RODRÍGUEZ LAJUSTICIA (Zaragoza 2004).

3* Pergaminos de la parroquia de San Gil Abad de Zaragoza (1302-1385). Transcripción, catalogación y edición crítica de fuentes, realizado por Armando SERRANO MARTÍNEZ (Zaragoza 2004).

4* Fuentes documentales para el estudio del Monasterio cisterciense de Santa María de Casbas en el siglo XIV (1350-1400), realizado por Mª Laura USÓN ANDRÉS (Zaragoza 2006)

12.- CONFERENCES.


3* Pere III i Valencia, conferencia de clausura del XXVII Curso de Lengua y Literatura Valenciana de "Lo Rat Penat" (Valencia 1978).

4* La Carta Puebla de Altea - 1279, en las "III Jornadas de Cultura Valenciana" (Altea 1980).

5* La autonomía de Valencia, en el ciclo "El Estado de las Autonomías. Una visión histórico-jurídica", organizado por el Colegio Universitario San Pablo (CEU) (Madrid 1983).

6* Geografía y Repoblación, discurso de ingreso en la "Academia de Cultura Valenciana" (Valencia 1983).

7* Los aragoneses en la conquista y repoblación de Valencia, en el ciclo "Los aragoneses y la expansión mediterránea en la Edad Media", organizado por la Institución "Fernando el Católico" de Zaragoza (1987).

9* Cronistas de Aragón, organizada por el "Ateneo" de Zaragoza (mayo 1992).

10* Diplomas y cancillería, en el Ciclo de Conferencias sobre "Sancho Ramírez, rey de Aragón, y su tiempo (1064-1094) (Huesca, mayo 1994).

11* Componente de la mesa-debate: Y después ¿qué?, ¿cuál es el futuro?, en las "X Jornadas sobre "Metodología de la investigación científica sobre fuentes aragonesas" (Sos del Rey Católico 1994).


14* Los “libres de repartiment” del Reino de Valencia, en el Ciclo de Conferencias organizadas por la Asociación Cultural “Cardona Vives” de Castellón (mayo 2006)


13.- OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS.

* Director of the collection of books dedicated to "Comercio Medieval Valenciano" with the publication of four volumes (1971-1973).

* Director of the collection of "Temas Valencianos", with 48 issues published (1977-1980).


* Board member on behalf of the Research on the Kingdom of Aragon in Comisión Permanente of "Congresos de Historia de la Corona de Aragón".

* Member of the editorial board of the journals "Aragón en la Edad Media" (Universidad de Zaragoza), "Anales de la Universidad de Alicante. Edad Media" (Universidad de Alicante), "Revista de Filología Valenciana" (Accio Bibliografica Valenciana) y "Huarte de San Juan. Geografía e Historia" (Universidad Pública de Navarra).

* Director of the History Section of Academia de Cultura Valenciana.

* Member of the Asociación Hispánica de Historiadores del Papel (A.H.H.P.)

* Member de la Academia Eclesiástica Valentina.

* Member of the Sociedad Española de Ciencias y Técnicas Historiográficas.

* Curator “XVI Jocs Florals de la Ciutat i Regne de Valencia” (November 1999).

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He has given courses on various subjects related to teaching and the retraining of teachers at primary and secondary school level, supported and recognised by the ministry of education for the Valencian Community.

He can count among the awards that he has received, the Excmo special award. Ayuntamiento de Valencia in the “Jocs Florals” in 1989, as well as the “Vinatea” (1990) prize, the “Jaume I” (1999) prize and the “Jaume Roig” (2002) prize, awarded by the RACV. (Royal Academy of Valencian Cuture)

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PUBLISHED WORKS –

- *Carlos Ros. Apologista de la Lengua Valenciana*. Discurso de
- Conquista, repoblación y castellología de la provincia de Castellón. (En prensa).

ARTICLES -
The author has Publisher numerous articles analysing themes such as toponymy, Valencian linguistics, Valencian medieval narrative, The
historical figure El Cid, the Valencian humanist Juan Luis Vives and his work, the life and times of Ausias March, Valencian traditions, etc.


The author has contributed to the understanding of the distinguished and universal Valencian humanist, Juan Luis Vives, with the following studies:


On historical and literary matters, the author has published the following Works:
- “Particularitats del procés historic de la llengua valenciana fins a Jaume I”. Revista de Filología Valenciana, núm. 1. Valencia, 1994;

Contribution to the analysis of the distinguished Valencian poet Ausias March with the following articles:
- “Contexto sociopolítico y cultural de la Valencia de Ausias March y su entorno personal”. Serie Filológica, núm. 17. R.A.C.V.

Involvement in the study of Christian and Muslim Valencia with the following articles:
- “Sharq al-andalus. Del Califato a los Reinos de Taifas”.
- “Sociodemografia de la Valencia Musulmana”.
- “La Administración del Reino de Valencia”.
- “Las Instituciones gremiales. I. Las Cofradías”.
- “Las Instituciones gremiales. II. Los Gremios”.


The author has helped to popularise the figure of San Vicente Ferrer and of the “Corpus Valenciano” with the following articles:


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Mining Engineer out of the Higher Technical College of Madrid in 1960, he obtained the grade of doctor-engineer of Mines from the same College in 1963 and that of doctor-engineer Geographer en 1968.

Since 1961 he has belonged to the National Body of Geographical Engineers. Between 1966 and 1983 he was Regional Delegate in Valencia for the National Geographical Institute.

In 1968 he began to teach at universities and at present he is professor of Topography, Geodesics and Photogrammetry at the Polytechnic University of Valencia, where he has occupied the following posts: Vicerrector for University Expansion, in 1983; Director of Technical Engineers in Topography, in 1989; and Director of the Higher School of Technical Engineering, Geodesics and Topography in 1994.

In 1997 he was named Director of the Geographical Institute and of the Institute of Valencian Cartography, both belonging to the Government of the Valencian Community (Generalitat Valenciana).

He has undertaken important projects for the state administration, including works in 341 municipalities and updating of 26 sheets of the National Topographical Map scale 1:50,000 He later undertook the Map of the Valencian Autonomy 1: 2,000,000 and, in 2001, the first map on the scale 1:10,000 of the Valencian Community, vectorial, totally digitalized and published in 827 sheets. He also carried out a terrestrial photogrammetric study of the mining reserve, Sierra Menera.

He has been a speaker at various conferences and has supervised five doctoral thesis’. Among his more than twenty published works, of particular note are: “Topografía (4 volumes)(1982-1993),Lecciones de Geodesia (1987), Replanteo topográfico de curvasen vías de comunicación (1988), Complementos sobre ajustes y compensaciones por mínimos cuadrados en topografía (1990), Ampliación de redes topográficas y locales.Cuestiones de diseño (1995), Cosmología y astronomía (1997) and Problemas de Microgeodesia y Redes locales (2003)."
Member of the Higher Geographical Council and of the scientific committee of the UNESCO Forum, University and Heritage. In 1976 he was awarded the Gold Medal for Professional Merit for his work in Sierra Menera.

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- SECOND LIEUTENANT, ARTILLERY COMPLEMENT. Obtained in Special Unit of Instruction (Premilitar Superior) Region II. Issued by the Ministry of Defence. Citation January 1956 (D.O. n° 10).

TEACHING POSITIONS HELD

- TEACHING ASSISTANT, Group 7 (General and Applied Mechanics), at the School of Industrial Engineering in Valencia. October 1st 1951 - September 30th 1954.

- SUBSTITUTE TEACHER, Group 9 (Thermal and Hydraulic Motors), at the School of Industrial Engineering in Valencia. October 1st 1956 - September 30th 1959.


- TEACHER IN CHARGE OF COURSE, of the Group 13 (Hydraulics and Thermodynamics), at the Technical School of Industrial Engineers in Valencia. October 1st 1965 - September 30th 1966.


RELATED TEACHING ACTIVITIES
- Proposal and explanations of problems, adapted to, and following the programme of theoretical lectures in the following subject areas.

- Elements of Hydraulics and Hydraulic Machines. (Years 1956 to 1963).
- Elements of Thermodynamics and Thermal Motors. (Years 1956 to 1963).
- Thermodynamics and Thermal Motors. (1964 to 1968).

- Explanation of theoretical material, and problem solving in:

- Explanation of theoretical material, supervision of workshops and direction of laboratory practicals in the following subjects:

- Thermal and Hydraulic engines. (Years 1979 to 1992).

I have directed numerous final degree projects aimed at obtaining the degree Industrial Technician and of Technical Engineer in Mechanics
Member of boards commissions for diverse appointments – public exams for the positions of Professors and Official Teachers at the University School of Technical Industrial Engineering.

Member of the board, representing official state teachers, in several examinations and selection tests to cover various positions in Official Centres.

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On August 1st 1951 I joined the Technical Office of Material y Constructions S.A. (Macosa), a factory in Valencia, as an Industrial Technician.

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On June 1st, 1960 I took up the post of Budget Manager, directing workshop studies and the valuation of projects.

On February 1st, 1963 I was promoted to the Assistant to the Chief Engineer, continuing in the Headquarters of the Budget Office.

On November 15th, 1966 I resigned to take up the position of Assistant Regional Director of the pharmaceutical company, Abelló, Oxígeno Adjoint, S.A.

On January 1st, 1976 I was promoted to the position of Regional Director, in Valencia, of the aforementioned firm, which changed had then become Abelló Linde, S.A.

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Member of the National Association of Industrial Technicians, from August 1951.

Member of the Official College of Technicians and Technical Industrial Engineers of Valencia, from its inception (n° 00006)

Merit associate of the Official College of Technicians and Technical Industrial Engineers, distinction granted by the National Association of Technicians and Technical Industrial Engineers On April 4th, 1976.

Participant in the National Evaluation Plan of Spanish Universities, at the suggestion of the Council of Universities, in the external evaluation phase, as an expert in one of the evaluated areas.

Proposed by the University School of Technical Industrial Engineering of Valencia as Emeritus Professor, by the unanimous agreement of the board, in session: March 6th, 1997.

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Degree in Law from the University of Valencia in 1951
Managing Director of the Company Obras Públicas (CLEOP) from Levante between 1960 and 1971, Executive President from 1971 until 1986. During this period he was a member of the board of MAPFRE (insurance) and Vice President of the Banco de la Exportación (1965-1990) and an important real estate promoter in the entire Valencian region.

Founding member of the Valencian Association of Businesspeople (AVE), President of the Valencian Federation of Construction Business (1986-1989) and, later, President of the Valencian Business Confederation (CEV) (1989-1997), President of the Inter provincial Business Confederation for the Valencian Region (CIERVAL) (1993-1996), member of the executive committee of the Spanish Confederation of Business Organisations (CEOE) (1989-1997) and President of the Comission of Foreign Trade, and of Institutional Relations of said organisation.

A prolific conferance delegate, he has also presided over diverse corporate missions on five continents. He has been a frequent contributor of journalism to the newspapers: Las Provincias, ABC, El País and Levante and in magazines on economics.

He has been President of the Profesor Manuel Broseta Foundation, Vice President of the Foundation of Business Studies, member of the Economic Society, Friends of Country of Valencia, and of the executive committee of the foundation for the Restoration of the Basílica de la Virgen de los Desamparados.

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Born Burriana, on the 9th of August 1931

Graduate in Pharmacy. Obtained a Doctorate from the University of Semmelweis in Budapest. In 1963 created a library and historical – pharmaceutical archive with copies of documents from Spanish, Italian, Egyptian and Syrian archives.


He was President of the Fundation Cardona Vives in Castellon. He has been a member of the Valencian Cultural Council (Consell Valencià de Cultura). A member of the royal Academy of Medicine in Valencia, of the Italian Academy of Pharmacy Accademia Italiana di Storia della Farmacia, del American Institute of the History of Pharmacy, Madison and of they de la Société d'Histoire de la Pharmacie in Paris.

He is President of the Valencian Foundation for the Study of Pharmacy Reina Maria de Castilla.

Llama a tus amigos de PC a PC: ¡Es GRATIS! Pruébalo
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According to constitutional law, the Autonomic Statute of the Valencian Community (EACV, 5/1982, 1st of July 1982 and its recent reform on the 10th of April 2006) states, in article 7, that “the official languages of the Valencian Community are Valencian and the Spanish language. Everybody has the right to know and use them”, moreover, special protection will be afforded to the preservation and recovery of the Valencian language.

In the following legislative development we have, in first place, the Law of Use and Teaching of the Valencian language (LLUEV, 4/1983, 23rd November 1983). In the preamble, division IV, we find the categorization of Valencian with these words: “The Valencian Generalitat (Government) has a irrevocable commitment in the defence of the cultural heritage of the Autonomous Community and, especially, in the preservation and recovery of the Valencian language, historically the language of our people, and as such constituting the most characteristic sign of our identity”. In the rules the status of the Valencian language is again defined, for example in article 2: “The Valencian language belongs to the Valencian Community, and as a consequence, all its citizens have the right to know it and to use it, orally and in writing, in private as well as in public.”

All of the above provides a sufficient legal and judicial basis to demonstrate that the Valencian Language exists and can count on its own code and registration in
Part 3 of the ISO 639 family of Standards, Codes for the representation of names of languages.

Yours Faithfully,

Benjamín Narbona Arnau

Benjamín NARBONA ARNAU

Born in Valencia, on the 2nd of July 1924

Degree in Medicine from the University of Valencia. Doctor en Medicine from the University of Complutense.

Advanced his studies in Zurich, Nurenberg and London. He became Professor at the Faculty of Medicine in Valencia in 1961, the same year in which he won the public examination as Chief Surgeon at Valencia General Hospital, where he remained until his retirement in 1989. He has directed ten Doctoral Thesis’ and belongs to the Editorial Team of the magazine Research in Surgery. His participation in congresses with more than twenty two international appearances as speaker as well as activities giving conferences, which have been constant. Pioneered mitral valve surgery, with the use of his own instrument and carried out the first open heart surgery in Spain, using, then new, anti reflux techniques. (The Narbona Sling Repair of GER). He also in 1970 pioneered Proximal Gastric Vagotomy in Spain, and carried out the first lung and intestinal resections in the Valencian Community.

He has Publisher around six hundred articles in magazines on his specialty, Spanish and foreign, as well as fourteen monographs, in which he details the researches and innovations of his pioneering and original techniques and work, such as Hernia (Chapter 47), Oesophagus Stomach and Small Int. (Chapter 31) and in the collections Recent advances in diseases of the oesophagus (1993) and “Europeas Barretts in dogs” Diseases of the Oesophagus (1994) and Gastric Reflux Phisiopathological Basis for Surgical Treatment.

He has been President of the Spanish Surgeon’s Association. He has been Vice President of the Valencian Medical Association for two terms (1966-1969 y 1993-1996) and is a founding member of the International Surgical Society and of the International Collage of Digestive Surgery and of the International Society of Diseases of the Oesophagus.

Member of the Royal Academy of Medicine in Murcia, the Royal Academy of Medical Science in Barcelona, Royal academy of Medicine and Surgery in Valencia and President of the Valencian Medical Institute.
He has received the following prizes and distinctions: Premio Peregrín Casanova, Premio Fundación San Nicolás from the Royal Academy of Medicine and Premio Virgili from the Catalan Surgical Society in Barcelona. Gold Medal from the Spanish Surgeon’s Society (1992), Member of honour and Gold Medal from the Valencian Surgical Society (1991) and from the Valencian Society of Digestive Pathology (1991).
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Born Torrente, on the 1st of January 1935

Degree in Medicine from the University of Valencia in 1960. Obtained the specialties of Cardiology and Pulmonology and, later, those of Corporate Medicine Labour Medicine, and finally the qualification of Specialist in Risk Prevention in the Workplace, industrial Hygiene, Safety and Ergonomics.

He practiced, for 30 years the specialties of Cardiology and Pulmonology for the Public Health Service at the walk in clinic “José Mª Esteve” in Valencia. In 1971 he joined the cabinet for Health and safety in the Workplace in Valencia, with its offices in Burjasot, where he was Head of the Medical Service for twenty years. In 1992 he was named Head of the Medical Service of the Valencian Parliament Cortes Valencianas. He was also cardiologist of the Valencian Press Association, of Hidroeléctrica Española and of the Technical Commission for Work Related Disability.

He has participated in a large number of courses and events, and has likewise been a speaker at many conferences. One of his first important speaking engagements was “Obligatory Medical Knowledge in Industrial Companies” in 1973, and “The Birth of Medicine in the Workplace” in 2003, among his last. He has maintained a high level of activity as a conference delegate in Throughout Spain. Articles on his specialty have been Publisher in the magazines: Medicina Española, Archivos de Bronconeumologia and Medicina y Seguridad. From his complete body of work, the following studies of particular note are: Variaciones del VEMS tras sobrecarga ergométrica en enfermos broncópatas obstructivos (1965), Patología electrocardiográfica (1974) y Ambiente Pulvigeno (1975).
Distingit Sr.

Ha arribat, extraoficialment, a l’Alcaldia de l’Ajuntament de Silla informació sobre la Petició de Canvi núm. 2006-129 (Petició de Canvi a Codi de Llengua ISO 639-3 sobre l’element de codi [cat] català) que va realitzar Joan Ignaci Serrano, en representació de la Real Acadèmia de Cultura Valenciana (RACV), a l’organisme SIL International (ISO 639-3 Registration Authority) i en la qual consta que l’Ajuntament de Silla ha donat suport a aquesta Petició de Canvi.

La petició de canvi proposa dividir el codi [cat] en dos codis diferents, un per a una llengua nova, valencià, i un altre amb una designació més precisa de català, el qual no incloga la varietat lingüística de valencià.

En aquest sentit, com a alcalde de l’Ajuntament de Silla, us informe que no existeix cap acord en què es done suport a la petició de la Real Acadèmia de Cultura Valenciana. Es més, estic d’acord amb la vostra decisió de rebutjar la petició d’un codi separat per a la varietat lingüística coneguda com a valencià, ja que òbviament valencià i català són dues denominacions per a una mateixa llengua: el català.

El correu que se us va facilitar (cultura@ajuntamentdesilla.org) era de la Regidoria de Cultura, governada en la legislatura anterior per un regidor (Lluís Melero i Peris) d’Unió Valenciana, partit polític afí a la RACV.

En aquest sentit, us sol·licite que conste en la resolució del SIL International que l’Ajuntament de Silla mai no ha donat suport a la petició esmentada.

Ben cordialment,

Francesc Baixauli i Mena, alcalde de Silla

Silla, 8 d’octubre de 2007
Dear Sir,

The City Council of Silla has received unofficially information about the requested number change 2006-129 (Change request to language Code ISO 639-3 of Catalan code [cat]) that Joan Ignaci Serrano made, in representation of the Real Academy of Valencian Culture (RACV), to the organism SIL International (ISO 639-3 Registration Authority) which shows that the City council of Silla has supported this request for change.

The change request proposes to divide the code [cat] in two different codes, for a new language, Valencian, and another one with more precise designation of Catalan, which does not include the linguistic variety of Valencian.

As mayor of the City Council of Silla, I’d like to inform you that there is no agreement which supports the request of the Real Academy of Valencian Culture. Furthermore, I am in agreement with your decision to reject the request of a separated code for the well-known linguistic variety such as Valencian, since Valencian and Catalan are two denominations of the same language: Catalan.

The mail that was sent to you (cultura@ajuntamentdesilla.org) belonged to the Culture Council, governed in the previous legislation by a town councillor (Luis Melero Peris) of “Valencian Union”, belonging to the political party RACV.

Due to this, I request that the resolution of the SIL International does not put on record that the City council of Silla has ever supported the mentioned request.

Yours faithfully,

Francesc Baixauli i Mena,
alcalde de Silla

Silla, 8 de October de 2007