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Julio Salinas obtained his PhD in Biology from the Complutense University of Madrid in 1983. From 1983 to 1986 he carried out a postdoctoral stay at the Jacques Monod Institute (CNRS, Paris). In 1986, he joined the INIA as a researcher at the Department of Biochemistry. In 1988, he was appointed Principal Investigator at the INIA, attached to the Department of Plant Protection. In 1989, he moved to The Rockefeller University (New York, USA) as a Visiting Scientist, where he remained until 1991, when he came back to the INIA to lead the Plant Molecular Biology laboratory until 2006. In addition, from 1991 to 1997 he was Coordinator of the Molecular Biology and Plant Virology Area at the INIA. Since 2006, he is a CSIC Research Professor at the CIB-CSIC, where he leads the Laboratory of Plant Molecular Biology. Current research in his lab is focused to study the molecular mechanisms that control the adaptive responses of plants to adverse environmental conditions, such as extreme temperatures, drought or salinity in soils. The laboratory is part of the Department of Microbial and Plant Biotechnology, of which he is Head since 2008.