

Gabriel Ferrate (1932-2024)

Leaving an indelible mark on the UPC and Catalonia

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ICFO, a research center affiliated with the Universitat Politecnica de Catalunya (UPC), joins all members of the university community in mourning the passing of Gabriel Ferrate. Ferrat was the rector of the Universitat Politecnica de Barcelona from 1972 to 1976 and of th now-named Universitat Politecnica de Catalunya from 1978 to 1994. During his over tw decades as rector of the university, he laid the groundwork for the transformation of th university into the modern and internationally respected institution for engineering architecture, science and technology that it is today. He notably renovated the structure o the UPC and created the North campus and that of Castelldefels where ICFO is located Known as a visionary and pioneer, helping to define the university and research system o Catalonia, he later went on to found and act as the first rector of the Universitat Oberta e Catalunya (UOC), the world's first online university. He has left an indelible mark not only n the UPC, but also on Cataloni

. On Tuesday, **February 13, at 12 noon**, a minute of silence will be held in all the centers of the Universitat Politecnica de Catalunya - BarcelonaTech (UPC).