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I. PERSONAL INTRODUCTION: *Who are you and what do you do?*

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II. TOP 10 QUESTIONS: *Please share with us your experience*

1. What is your earliest memory of enjoying or feeling connected to nature?

When I was 13 years old I jointed the scouter movement. My first summer camp, 15 days at Cazorla Sierra in Andalucia, was just amasing for me.

2. Was there an incident, or situation in your life that inspired you into the field of work you now do?

My experience during 10 years with the Scout was really inspiring. I was also lucky to have good teachers in the field of Biology at High School and at the University (I studied Biology and Ecology).

3. What book, or article, painting, photograph or TV or radio programme would you say has influenced you most in your work?

Difficult to say. There was a TV programme very well known in Spain during the 80s run by Félix Rodríguez de la Fuente entitled "El hombre y la tierra" (Man and Land). Was very much influencial in many people of my generation.

4. What person has influenced or inspired you most in your work and why?

Many people in Spain. **Antonio López Lillo**, former president of Europarc Spain, help me when I was 23 starting with the contacts with the Federation. My PhD director, **José Vicente de Lucio**, was very influential and inspiring. Many colleagues from Parks in Catalonia (Salvador Grau, **Jordi Falgarona**, Jaume Vicens, Carles Castell). Some teachers at the University (Fernando Gonzalez Bernaldez, **Carlos Montes**, Manuel Ruiz, **Vicente Mazimpaka**, Antonio Pou). Also people in Europe: Marija Zupancic, [Erika Stanciu](#), Rauno Vassanen, Pedro Rosabal. I guess all of them have in common their sense of responsibility, honesty and commitment with their job.

5. What advice would you give to your 20 year old self?

Do your best with honesty, enthusiasm. Try to learn as much as you can, formally (official learning opportunities) and informally (visit places, meet people working on the field, ask, think, act).

6. What 3 words would you say to give advice to young people wishing to come into your area of work?

Do not give up.

7. What is the most fun thing about your work?

Enjoy nature, share the same motivations with other people

8. What are the hardest thing to overcome and how have you achieved this

Lack of commitment. I never give up, keep trying, explain better, give examples, promote transparency, honesty.

9. What motivates you to continue?

My firm conviction in our job.

10. What do you want your legacy to be?

The results of my work together with my team and all the people I have worked with. Anything (materials, memories), if any, people who have, or will have, contact with my job will appreciate.
