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# UCLM Fire and Global Change Group

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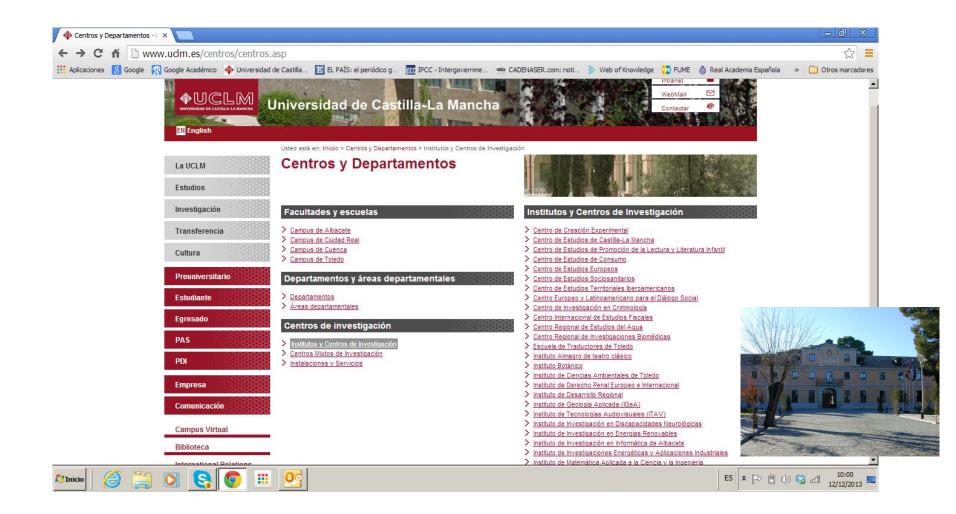
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#### **Priority research areas and objectives**

#### Interactions of major drivers on fire

- Land-use land cover change
- Climate change

#### **Responses to fire in relation to changes in drivers**

- At plant level (plant physiology, demography, community)
- At ecosystem level (soil processes, ecosystem physiology)
- At landscape level (changes in landscape patterns)



#### Main past and current projects

#### FUME: Forest fires under climate and socioconomic change...

- Topic: climate change, and socioeconomic change and fires
- Partners: 33 from 17 countries, 6 continents
- 7 Framework programme)

#### SECCIA: Shrubland responses to simulated drought and fire...

- Topic: climate change and plant responses to climate change
- Partners: UCLM; Interaction with NITROEUROPE
- National
- > FUELMAP (JRC: Mapping fuels in Europe)
- > ALARM (6<sup>th</sup> FWP: Biodiversity and climate change)
- REGRESA (Regional: Management, fire severity and vegetation)



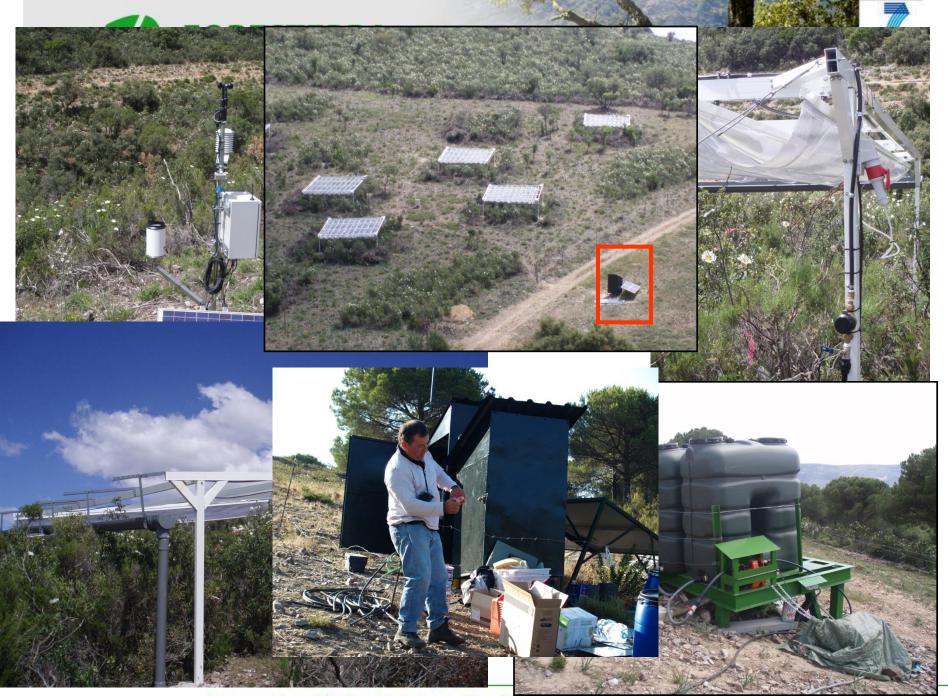




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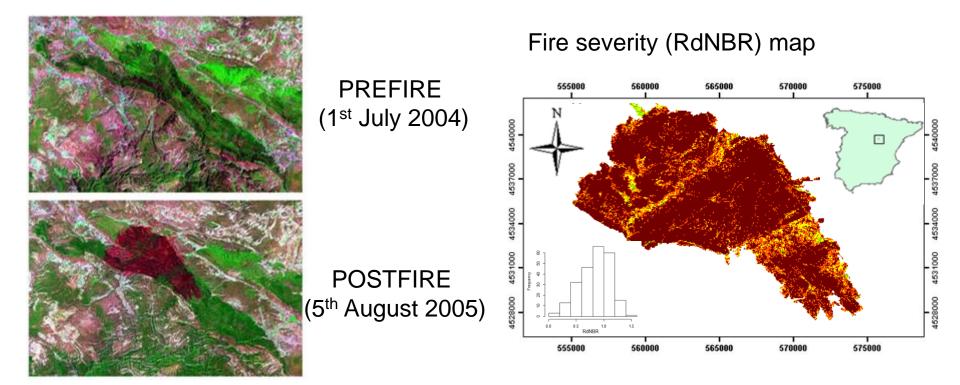
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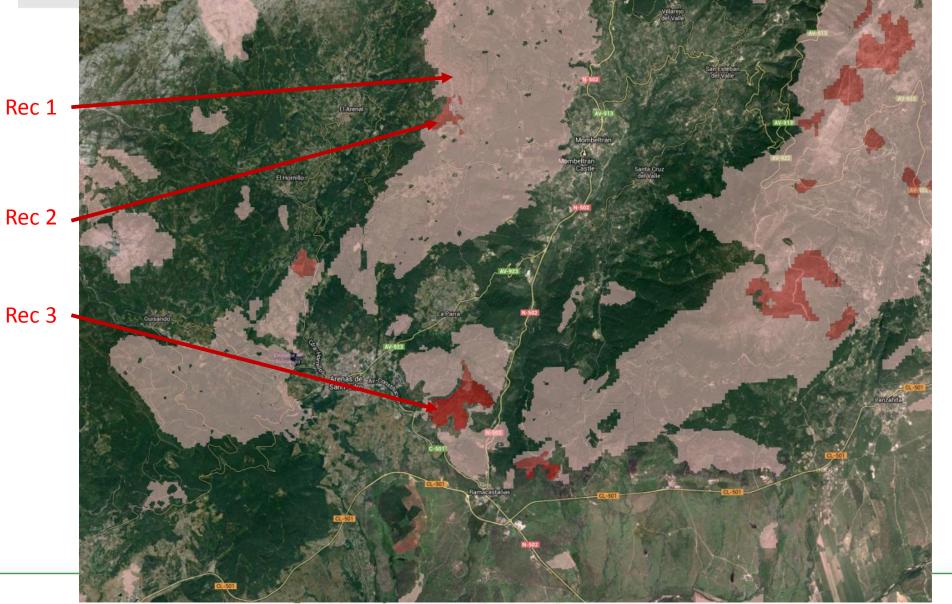
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#### About forest research infrastructures

#### List of available infrastructures

- **Experimental sites: Quintos de Mora; Sierra de Gredos**
- Large facilities: fire laboratory (wind tunnel, burning tables)
- Scientific equipment: Complete ecophysiology instrumentation
- Does your institute have a specific policy of access to these infrastructures by other national/international institutes?
- Allowed for collaborating purposes

#### Do you have any experience in mutual opening and transnational access of infrastructures?

Yes, collaboration with EU funded project in the framework of national project



#### Transnational collaborations (European and international)

Does your institute participate in any network? Which one? Which is the main topic?

 COST Action: ClimMani [Climate Change Manipulation Experiments in Terrestrial Ecosystems: Networking and Outreach]

Who are the national / European / international institutes with which you have active collaborations?

Numerous (in Europe, USA, Australia, Chile, Africa, Turkey)

#### Which are the direct outputs from this collaboration?

Research oriented



#### **Transnational collaboration**

Which is your interest in creating Transnational Joint Research Units?

- Undertake investigation that exceeds national boundaries
- A proposal: Sensitivity of forest ecosystems to changes in rainfall patterns (i.e., drought)

Which are the positive outputs you expect from this type of collaboration?

- Mutual benefit and enhanced capacity, including student exchanges
- Mediterranean coverage across a number of ecosystems
  Do you identify any drawback?
- None except limitations due to lack of funding