

Having obtained a PhD in Animal Biology (1977) at the University of Montpellier, Dr. Jean-Marie Exbrayat joined Lyon Catholic University (UCLy) where he taught chemistry and biology including an advanced course in microscopy techniques. After obtaining a D. Sci. (1986) at Paris 6 University, he was appointed full professor at UCLy in 1986 and at the Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes (EPHE) in 1991. He became acting dean then dean of faculty of sciences (1997-2005), project manager for the compliance of UCLy with EU standards (2005-2007). Since 2007 he is deputy head of research of UCLy.

He is the head of a research unit comprising three teams (animal biology, cancer epidemiology, and ethics of sciences and techniques). His own work is devoted to the study of reproductive cycles in vertebrate animals (bony fishes, amphibians, reptiles, mammals) related to the environmental conditions: wet tropical, Mediterranean, temperate, arid and semi-arid, aquatic, and also pollution. Another theme is the study of embryonic development of rare animals. Among the methods used, histology was adapted to the study of preserved animals sometimes since a long time. Jean-Marie Exbrayat also published works about history and philosophy of life sciences. He supervised or co-supervised several PhD. He is the author or editor of 17 books, and numerous publications and communications about animal biology as well as in interdisciplinary works. His present teaching includes animal biology, physiology, embryology, histology, also history and philosophy of science in the faculties of sciences, philosophy, theology, business school (2010-2015), and engineer school.

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