

Submission of consideration for the Christophe Lenglos Award

We have spoken with the President of APRAT (Miguel A. Muelas) and he has authorised us to write to you.

Since 2006, the Consorcio de València has been participating in National meetings organised by APRAT and International meetings organised by WRO.

Thanks to this powerful training tool, our service created **COMENEX**, the Committee for Extrication Meetings. We would like to apply for the Christophe Lenglos awards, as our institution has achieved training results at a level of service that was previously unthinkable.

We would like to emphasise that our candidacy is for our work as a service thanks to you (WRO and APRAT). To demonstrate that from the rescue meeting, the results end up in the fire stations.

That said, if our candidacy is accepted in option B, we will work hand in hand with APRAT, providing all the documentation.

Thank you for all.

Best regards.

Pepe Ortiz



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Over the past 20 years, emergency response to road traffic collisions has undergone a profound transformation, driven by the commitment, training, and continuous development of the professionals involved.

What began as the initiative of a group of firefighters seeking to improve has now evolved into a benchmark model at both national and international levels. **Challenge the National Road Traffic Collision and Trauma Rescue Challenges (ENRATT)**, a unique platform has been established for learning, knowledge exchange, and technical refinement, significantly enhancing the quality of operational interventions.

These events are not competitions, but rather true training environments where real-life scenarios are simulated, procedures are analysed, and critical skills are developed, later evaluated and transferred into operational service. As a result, coordination, safety, and efficiency in interventions have improved, with a clear objective: to save more lives.

In Spain, we have been fortunate to rely on the **Asociación Profesional de Rescate en Accidentes de Tráfico (APRAT)**, which has served as both a driving force and a leading reference in this field. The professionalism and outstanding management of **APRAT** personnel are well established, both in the technical firefighting domain and in the medical response field.

Furthermore, participation in international events organized and managed by the **World Rescue Organisation (WRO)** has enabled the exchange of experience with teams from around the world, positioning our professionals at a level of excellence recognized globally.

At the same time, the creation of internal organizational structures within fire services—such as **COMENEX within the Consorcio Provincial de Bomberos ed València**—the implementation of operational procedures, and the continuous training of teams have been key factors in this evolution. All of this has made it possible to adapt rescue operations to emerging technological challenges and the increasing complexity of road traffic incidents.

Today, after two decades of effort, dedication, and continuous improvement, road traffic collision rescue has not only advanced technically but has also consolidated a culture based on ongoing learning, teamwork, and continuous improvement.

Looking ahead, it is essential to continue investing in this model by strengthening training, innovation, and inter-agency collaboration in order to further enhance the quality of service provided to the public.

In light of the above, we consider COMENEX, as an operational and technical management structure within the Provincial Firefighters Consortium of Valencia, to be a strong and deserving candidate for the **Christophe Lenglos** Awards. It would be a great honor to receive this distinction in tribute to his legacy.

Because behind every intervention, there is one thing that has not changed over these 20 years: **the commitment to arrive in time to save lives.**

