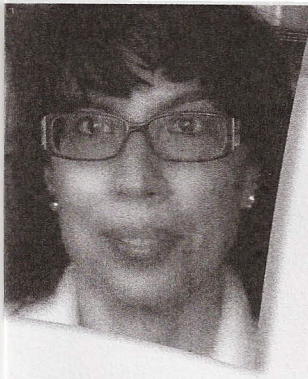


Natalia Juristo



Natalia Juristo, Professor of Software Engineering at Universidad Politécnica de Madrid in Spain, will become an Honorary Doctor at Blekinge Institute of Technology at the degree conferment ceremony.

"SHE IS AN EXTREMELY important figure for BTH. It was on her initiative that BTH was invited to participate in the EU-funded European Master's Programme in Software Engineering," says Pro Vice-Chancellor Claes Wohlin.

Natalia Juristo has an internationally strong position in the field of software engineering. She has contributed with a great deal of research in areas such as empirical software engineering, requirements engineering, and testing. In Europe she has been a driving force behind establishing empirical software research and she has also written a book on the subject.

At Universidad Politécnica de Madrid, Natalia Juristo has led the Master's programme in software engineering for 10 years and she is also the co-ordinator for the European Master's Programme in Software Engineering, which is being run at four academic centres in Europe. The programme is an Erasmus Mundus programme.

For BTH her role has been of great significance as she invited BTH to participate in this programme, which is the

only European Master's Programme at BTH and also the only one in software engineering in Europe.

"For BTH our involvement has given us invaluable knowledge which we have also passed on internally at BTH. It has also led to BTH reinforcing its position in this field, both within and outside Europe," says Claes Wohlin, who himself is Professor of Software Engineering and a colleague of Professor Juristo.

Now that Natalia Juristo is being awarded an Honorary Doctorate in this anniversary year, BTH recognises that it is an appropriate way of highlighting what has been one of the core areas at BTH since the very outset – software engineering and computer science. The award also means that the time has finally come for the first female Honorary Doctor at BTH.

Professor Juristo will be an important partner for BTH in the future, reinforcing the contacts within the European Community.

"We're also working on a joint application for a European doctoral programme," says Claes Wohlin.