

3.5. Coordination of the analytical laboratories and experimental techniques available at the five universities and centres of the CSIC and the IFAPA.

Due to the fact that five universities as well as centres of the IFAPA and the CSIC are members of the ceiA3 consortium, the project has a large number of scientific facilities and material resources at its disposal.

The aim is to coordinate the laboratories and experimental techniques that can be applied to the agrifood sector. To achieve this aim, a list of advanced instrumental techniques that each research group has at its disposal was drawn up. These techniques have been offered to the other ceiA3 research groups for their use. This list, together with that of the Central Research Support Divisions of each of the five universities, the CSIC and the IFAPA is available at the ceiA3 website:

http://www.ceia3.es/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=141&Itemid=144&lang=en

http://www.ceia3.es/WEB_ANTIGUA/pdf/instrumentacion/grupos.pdf

The catalogue of experimental techniques permits researchers to easily locate the instruments they need.

Through coordination, the use of highly specialized techniques is optimized and available to all the members of the ceiA3 research groups. The difficulties involved in technological developments and the high cost of equipment make it unfeasible for each institution to have all the necessary resources.