

Summer school in  
**Obesity**  
22 – 23 Enero



## Biosketch:

### **Mariana Cifuentes**

Mariana Cifuentes graduated as a Pharmacist from the Pharmacy School, University of Chile. Her training continued at Rutgers University (USA), obtaining her Ph.D. from the Department of Nutritional Sciences in 2002. In 2003, she joined the Institute of Nutrition and Food Technology (INTA, University of Chile) and was awarded a Postdoctoral grant from the Ellison Medical Foundation. She has developed her career at INTA, becoming a Full Professor in 2017. She has participated as a member of INTA's Institutional Council (2008-2010), the Institutional Review Board/ Ethics Committee (2008-2012 and 2022-present), she was Deputy Graduate Director at INTA (2014-2023) and since 2009 is chief of the Obesity and Metabolism in Geriatrics and Adults (OMEGA) laboratory. Her research explores the connection between obesity and its associated cardiometabolic diseases, focusing on the role of adipose tissue (AT) and its dysfunction. Her current work is evaluating the effects of nutrition behavior interventions in subjects with so-called “metabolically healthy” and “unhealthy obesity”.