

## Fontarnauite, the new mineral found by experts of the UB in western Turkey

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Fontarnauite, a double salt of sodium and strontium with minor contents of potassium and calcium, is the name of the new mineral discovered by a group of scientists from the Science and Technology Centres of the University of Barcelona (CCiTUB) and the Faculty of Geology. The new compound was found in 2009 on a geological survey carried out in the Emet Borate District (Turkey). Its name pays tribute to Ramon Fontarnau i Griera (1944-2007), who headed the Material Characterization Section of the Science and Technology Centres Services of the UB (today's CCiTUB).

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