



Alejandro Néstor Mentaberry

Academic background

1981

PhD. in Chemistry. Biochemical Research Institute "Campomar Foundation". School of Exact and Natural Sciences. University de Buenos Aires.

Doctoral Thesis: "Glycoproteins in chicken embryo lens. Biosynthesis of the N-glycosidic portion".

1975

Biochemist. School of Pharmacy and Biochemistry. University of Buenos Aires.

1974

Bachelor Degree in Clinical Analysis. School of Pharmacy and Biochemistry. University of Buenos Aires.

Professional background

2012 - present

Executive Coordinator of the Scientific and Technological Cabinet, Ministry of Science, Technology and Productive Innovation.

1997 - present

Full-time Associate Professor Department of Physiology, Molecular and Cellular Biology, School of Exact and Natural Sciences. University of Buenos Aires [on leave].

2011 - 2012

Deputy Coordinator of the Advisory Committee on Technology of CONICET. Coordinator of the Advisory Committee on Technology, Social Development and Complex Projects CONICET.

2011 - 2012

Coordinator of Biotechnology Area. Department of Physiology, Molecular and Cellular Biology. School of Exact and Natural Sciences. University of Buenos Aires.

2009 - 2012

Scientific Director Organizer of the Agrobiotechnology Institute of Rosario.

2005 - 2008

Advisor for the organization of teams and working lines of the Agrobiotechnology Institute of Rosario.

2009 - 2012

National Coordinator of the Binational Argentine-Chinese Centre in Food Science and Technology. Ministry of Science, Technology and Productive Innovation.

2005 - 2009

Representative for Argentina to the Committee to Support the Development of Biotechnologies, BioTecSur Program, European Union-MERCOSUR.

2002 - 2006

Member of Executive Committee of the International Association for Plant Tissue Culture and Biotechnology.



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2001 - 2006

Member of the Scientific Advisory Board of the Biotechnology Program for Latin America and the Caribbean [UNU-BIOLAC.] United Nations University.

1998 - 2004

Member of the National Committee on Agricultural Biotechnology [CONABIA-SAGPyA], representing the University of Buenos Aires.

1988 - 1990

Tenured Professor [part-time], Department of Educational Sciences, School of Philosophy and Letters, University of Buenos Aires.

1998 - 2001

Member of the Board of the Latin-American Civil Association "REDBIO Foundation".

1993 - 1995

Argentine Representative of the Coordination Committee of the Technical Cooperation Network on Plant Biotechnology for Latin America and the Caribbean [REDBIO-FAO] in such network [1991-1993]. Coordinator of the Southern Cone Network.

1987 - 1988

Coordinator of the Integrated Biotechnology Program, University of Buenos Aires.

Research background

2009 - present

Principal Researcher, CONICET Institute for Research on Genetic Engineering and Molecular Biology [on leave].

2001 - present

Director of the Laboratory of Agrobiotechnology, School of Exact and Natural Sciences, University of Buenos Aires [on leave].

2002

Visiting Researcher, in the framework of the BMBF-SETCIP cooperation, Deutsches Krebsforschungszentrum, Heidelberg.

1991 - 2001

Director of the Laboratory of Virology and Plant Biotechnology. Institute for Research on Genetic Engineering and Molecular Biology, CONICET.

1998 - 2009

Independent Researcher CONICET, Institute for Research on Genetic Engineering and Molecular Biology.

1989 - 1998

Associate Research CONICET, Institute for Research on Genetic Engineering and Molecular Biology.

1987 y 1989

Visiting Researcher, Laboratoire de Biologie Cellulaire, Institut National de la Recherche Agronomique - Versailles.

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1985 - 1989

Assistant Researcher CONICET, Institute for Research on Genetic Engineering and Molecular Biology.

1981 - 1985

Research Assistant, Department of Cell Biology, New York University.

Publications

He has published 45 research papers in journals, five book chapters, 14 articles on science dissemination and presented 171 communications to scientific meetings. He has been director of ten doctoral theses, co-director of two theses, and of eight bachelor degree theses.

Awards received

He has received the Award for Innovation in Biotechnology “Luis Federico Leloir” (Bank of the Province of Buenos Aires, 1988), the Prize “King Baudouin” (International Foundation for Science, 1991), the award “Bernardo Houssay” for the development of Molecular Biology in Argentina (CEDIQIFA, 2002), the Award for “Technology Leadership in Plant Biotechnology” (FUNPRECYT, 2007) and the award-mention in the INNOVAR 2010 contest for his developments in plant biotechnology.

Other data of interest

- Member of the Editorial Board of the Electronic Journal of Biotechnology, since 1997.
- Member of the Editorial Board of “Biotecnología Aplicada” (Cuba), 1998-1999.
- Member of the Editorial Board of In Vitro Cellular and Developmental Biology-Plant, 2002-2006.
- Member of the Advisory Board in Biological Sciences and Health [Discipline: Bio-chemistry] CONICET, 1998-1999.
- Member of the Committee on Process Engineering, Industrial Products and Biotechnology, CONICET, 2002-2003.
- Member of the Committee of Agricultural Sciences, CONICET, 2003-2004.
- Researcher Responsible for 7 contracts with several national companies for research and development on several biotechnology related issues [CONICET and UBA].
- Evaluation of research projects for the Argentine-Brazilian Centre of Biotechnology, INCO Programme (European Union), United Nations University, CONICIT (Uruguay), COLCIENCIAS (Colombia), SECyT Santa Fe Province, University of Buenos Aires, National University of Quilmes, University of San Juan, National Institute of Agricultural Technology, National Agency for Scientific and Technological Promotion..