

Biographical Note

Alvaro Florez was born in Bogotá D.C., Colombia in 1966. In 1989 he received his B.S. degree from “Universidad Católica de Manizales” and since 1991 he started his career as professor in Microbiology in the same Higher Education Institution. In 1996 he received his master’s degree in microbiology from “Universidad Pontificia Javeriana”, Bogotá, D.C. and, in 2003 his PhD in Basic Biomedical Sciences- Molecular Biology- from “Universidad de Antioquia”, Medellín. He has several publications in his field and held several academic positions in national and international institutes. He was awarded by Ministry of Science Technology and Innovation from Colombia and by AIDS fellowship from CNR, Naples, Italy. He was a visiting researcher in the Illinois and Duke Universities and received the gold shield as Graduate who leaves a mark in 2022 by his alma mater. He is now Dean of Faculty of Basic and Biomedical Sciences at Universidad Simón Bolívar, Barranquilla, Colombia. In 2009 he was elected member of the National Inter-Sectoral Commission for Higher Education Quality Assurance CONACES, position that was occupied in the health evaluation room between 2009-2018 and 2019-2021. Then, in 2022 he was elected as a member of the National Accreditation Council for a five-year term, based on his academic performance, in-depth knowledge, holistic understanding of higher education, ethics, and national and international recognition of academic and scientific communities. Among his responsibilities are, to prepare the presentations for analysis and approval at the plenary session and participate in the examination and assessment of the accreditation processes.