

Roberto Oscar Aquilano

Roberto Oscar Aquilano has a PhD in Astronomy from the School of Astronomical and Geophysical Sciences at Universidad Nacional de La Plata, Argentina. Currently, he is a researcher at the National Scientific and Technical Research Board (Consejo Nacional de Investigaciones Científicas y Técnicas, CONICET); Professor at the School of Exact Science, Engineering and Surveying at Universidad Nacional de Rosario; Under Secretary for the Promotion of Science and Social Appropriation of Ministry of Science, Technology and Productive Innovation of Santa Fe, Argentina and Member of Executive Board of the Agency of the same Ministry, Member of Federal Council for Science and Technology (COFECYT) and Member of the Advisory Committee on Astronomy and the Universe of the Ministry of Science, Technology and Productive Innovation of Argentina.

He has an extensive background as a scientist and an administrator of science. He has acted as Director of the Astronomical Observatory, Planetarium and Experimental Science Museum Complex of Rosario, Argentina.

Among the positions held, we can also mention Under Secretary of State to International Cooperation and Special Science Projects, of Secretary of State of Science, Technology and Productive Innovation of Argentina, Presidency of the Nation; Advisor of the Minister of Culture and Education of the Province of Buenos Aires; Secretary of Science and Technology of the School of Exact Science, Engineering and Surveying, Universidad Nacional de Rosario; Member of the Scientific Development and Technology Exchange Commission of the Organization of American States (OAS); Full National Delegate and Member of the Technical Advisory Board of the Latin-American Science & Technology Development Programme (CYTED); Full Coordinator of the Thematic Commission on Human Resource Training and Research & Development Projects of the Special Meeting on Science and Technology (RECyT), MERCOSUR; Secretary of the Comité Nacional de Astronomía [National Astronomy Committee of Argentina]; Full Member of the Argentine Gemini Committee; Member of the Advisory Commission for the Science and Technology Electronic Library of the Ministry of Science, Technology and Productive Innovation of Argentina; and Member of the Administrative Commission of Fund for Americas (USA-Argentina).

He has also been a founding member of the Provincial Pedagogical University (PU) of the province of Buenos Aires in the city of La Plata, Argentina, and Founding Member of the Astronomical Observatory "Mirador de las Estrellas" theme park equipped with pre-telescopic instruments in Urquiza Park Rosario city, Argentina.

He has been Guest Professor at the Universities of Konstanz (Germany), Vienna (Austria), Georgetown (USA), Los Andes and Central (Venezuela) and the Collège d'Europe, higher learning institution of the European Union (Bruges, Belgium).

He has published over 90 scientific papers in national and international journals of his specialty .

Among the perks he has received numerous awards and honors, such as Life Changers Awards 2011 received in London, having been declared Man of the Year 2011 by TV Litoral SA , distinguished by the Honorable Senate of Argentina in 2012 and the Gold Medal of the Ministry Education of the Nation. He has been declared "Outstanding Citizen" of the city of Casilda (Argentina) and nominated for several international awards (Stockholm , Washington, etc.)

It has been chosen by the American Council for Integral Development (CIDI ), Washington DC, USA, as holder of the Special Commission for Scientific and Technology Exchange, the Organization of American States (OAS) , and was Distinguished by the Nelson Mandela Foundation and former U.S. President and Nobel Peace Prize winner Jimmy Carter in Atlanta, USA , becoming Ambassador Carter Center (Carter Center - Emory University) , among others.