



Since January 2011, Prof. Manuel de Jesus Limonta -Vidal is the Director of the Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean of the International Science Council (ISC). He is a member of the Academy of Sciences of Cuba, the Academy of Sciences of the Caribbean (since 2000) of the World Academy of Sciences (TWAS, since 1995). In this organization he has been a member of different admission boards, and he is also a member of the Council for Latin America and the Caribbean (TWAS -ROLAC) since its creation in 2004. Since November 2015 he was elected Vice President of this World Academy to serve Latin America and the Caribbean. Prof. Limonta was reelected in this position during the TWAS General Assembly held in November 2019.

Graduated as Dr. In Medicine at the Medical University of Havana Cuba (1968), specialization in hematology (1979) and a P.hD, from the National Institute of Hematology and Immunology (IHI) of Cuba. He was the founder and the first General Director of the Center for Biological Research of Cuba (1982-1986), as well as the Founder and first General Director of the Center for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (CIGB) of Cuba (July 1986- June 1999). Founding President of the first Cuban Company that distributes products of the biotechnology Heber Biotec (1987-1999).

He was the Director of the group of 6 Cuban researchers who achieved Interferon in 1981, which is considered the first product of Cuban Biotechnology that achieved the cycle of research, development, production and commercialization

He was the founder and Chief Editor of the Cuban Journal of Biotechnology (Applied Biotechnology) 1983-1999. Havana Cuba. He is currently a member of the editorial board of this magazine and 6 other scientific journals. He is or has been a member of 30 national and international societies, scientific and honor committees.

He was the President of the Organizing Committees of the 10 International Biotechnology Congresses held in Cuba from 1983 to 1999. He was the president of the Cuban Committee of the Latin American Biotechnology Network UNDP / UNESCO / UNIDO during the five years of work of this organization (1986-1991). He was the Head of the Cuban Representation in the Organizing Committee of the implementation of the International Engineering Genetics and Biotechnology Center of Trieste (Italy) and New Delhi (India) from 1982 to 1988.

Manuel Limonta is a tenured professor and Senior Researcher at the Medical University of Havana and Full Professor for the least developed countries of the ISC, UNESCO and TWAS since 2007. He is Doctor Honoris Causa (2000) and professor emeritus of the Central University of Ecuador, Quito.

He is Doctor Honoris Causa (2012) of the Autonomous Metropolitan University of Mexico.

During his career he has worked and researched in several countries, including USA, Sweden, the Netherlands, Russia and Finland, he has made more than 300 presentations in more than 40 countries around the world. He was advisor of Medical Biotechnology of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) (1984-1988). He has also been an advisor and consultant in project management (2000-2010) in the Institute of Hematology and the organization of the blood banks of Cuba, the Oswaldo Cruz Foundation and other Brazilian institutions. His contributions to the development of biotechnology in Cuba are recognized all over the world and he has published more than 100 scientific articles, he has participated in 4 patents. He received medals as vanguard by the Science Union of Cuba (1994, 1995, 1996 and 1997) and several other distinctions in Cuba. In 1997 and 2003 he also received 2 medals from the Heraldic and medalist organization of Brazil.

Since 1990, he is a member of the NGO Economic Friends of the Country (SEAP) of Cuba, where he has been President of the Economy and Science Section. He is currently a member of the governing board of that institution.

He spent 5 years as Director of the Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean of the International Science Council (ISC), based in Mexico City. Between 2011 and 2015, and from August 2016 continued as Director of this Office now relocated to El Salvador.