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a. Professional Preparation

University of Puerto Rico	Chemical Engineering	B.Sc., 1979
University of Wisconsin-Madison	Chemical Engineering	Ph.D., 1985

b. Appointments

2006 to present: CMU-ASU-UT Center for Sustainable Development Board of Directors Member
2005 to present: VITEC2 Incubator Advisory Board Member
2002 to present: Associate Dean of Engineering UPRM
2006: Acting Engineering Associate Dean of Academic Affairs UPRM
2000: Faculty Summer Internship at NASA John Glenn Research Center
1999: Faculty Summer Internship at Argonne National Laboratory
1997: Professor - University of Puerto Rico-Mayagüez (UPR-Mayagüez)
1995 - 1998: Chemical Engineering department Director - UPR-Mayagüez
1994/1995: Faculty Summer Internships at Sandia National Laboratories
1992 - 1996: Associate Professor - University of Puerto Rico-Mayagüez
1992: Market Manager - Union Carbide Corporation (UCC), Danbury, Connecticut
1990 - 1992: Business Analyst - UCC, Danbury, Connecticut
1987 - 1990: Project Scientist - UCC, Texas City, Texas
1985 - 1987: Research Scientist - UCC, South Charleston, West Virginia
1979 - 1985: Ph.D. in Chemical Engineering (*Fuel Cells*), University of Wisconsin - Madison
1975 - 1979: BS in Chemical Eng. (*magna cum laude*), University of Puerto Rico - Mayagüez

c. Publications

- i) Effect of Ultrasonication on Droplet Size in Biodiesel Mixtures, Wu, P.; Yang, Y.; Colucci, J.; Grulke, E., *JAOCS*, **2007**, 84 (9), 877 - 884
- ii) Sustainable Energy @ Puerto Rico, Colucci, J.A.; O'Neill-Carrillo, E.O.; Irizarry-Rivera, A., *Proceedings of ES2007*, ES2007-36010, **June 2007**,
- iii) Hydrogen Production Using Autothermal Reforming of Biodiesel and Other Hydrocarbons for Fuel Cell Applications, Colucci, J. A.; Ospinal, M., *Proceedings ISEC 2006*, **July 2006**.
- iv) Biodiesel from Alkaline Transesterification Reaction of Soybean Oil Using Ultrasound Mixing, Colucci, J.A., Alape, F.A., Borrero, E., *JAOCS*, **2005**, 82 (7), 525 - 530
- v) Biodiesel for Puerto Rico, Colucci, J.A., Alape, F.A., Borrero, E., *Green Chemistry & Engineering Proceedings*, **2003**, 37 - 40.
- vi) Carbon Mass Balance Evaluation of Cellulase Production on Soluble and Insoluble Substrates, J. C. Sáez, D. J. Schell, A. Tholudur, J. Farmer, J. Hamilton, José A. Colucci, and James D. McMillan, *Biotechnology Progress*, **2002**, 18, 1400 - 1407
- vii) Comparing the Performance of Various Advanced Oxidation Processes for Treatment of Acetone Contaminated Water, Hernandez R., Zappi, M., Colucci, J., and Jones, R., *Journal of Hazardous Materials*, 92, **2002**.

d. Synergistic Activities

Coordinator of UPRM CHEM E Sloan Foundation Undergraduate Feeder program since 1996. This program encourages students to seriously consider pursuing a doctoral degree in science and engineering.

Grease Biodiesel for Puerto Rico Initiative Principal Investigator. This project involves a strong dissemination effort that includes workshops for high schools students and the industrial/government sectors.

e. Awards and Honors:

2006: Golden Key Honorary Member
2004/2002/1998/1995/: Who is Who Among American Teachers
2002: 1st Prize AIDIS Research Projects Competition (Biodiesel Commercialization @ PR)
2000: UPR Distinguished Researchers Recognition
1998: Vice President XVIII Interamerican Congress of Chemical Engineering
1996: Puerto Rico's Distinguished Chemical Engineer, PR Institute of Chemical Engineers
1996/1999: UPR/PR Industry Development Agency Science & Technology Board Member
1995/1996: Distinguished Chemical Engineer Professor, UPR-Mayagüez
1994 - 1996: National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying Item Writer
1990 & 1992: Special Recognition Awards(2), UCC
1989: R&D 100 Award, UCC
1979: Top Chemical Engineering Student, UPR-Mayagüez

f. Collaborators & Other Affiliations

(i) Collaborators.

1. Dr. Ted Krause, Argonne National Laboratory
2. Dr. John Crittenden, PE, ASU
3. Dr. Carlos Cabrera, UPR-Rio Piedras
4. Dr. Luciano Castillo, RPI
5. Dr. Efrain O'Neill, UPRM
6. Dr. Arup Sen, SABI President
7. Engineer Pedro Panzardi, Panzardi-ERM
8. Dr. Manuel Gómez, UPR-RP
9. Dr. Govind Nadathur, UPRM Marine Science
10. Iván Lugo, Executive Director, INDUNIV
11. Dr. Lorenzo Saliceti, UPRM
12. Dr. Miguel Vélez, UPRM

(ii) Graduate and Postdoctoral Advisors.

1. Prof. Stan Langer, University of Wisconsin-Madison

(iii) Thesis Advisor and Postgraduate-Scholar Sponsor

1. Juan Carlos Flores, MS, 2007 (PPCPs Remediation Technologies)
2. Mónica Ospinal, MS, 2006 (Autothermal Reforming)
3. Jessica Ruiz, MS, 2005 (Fuel Cells, Current Interruption)
4. Fabio Alape Ph.D. 2004 (Biodiesel Synthesis Fundamentals)
5. Ritsdeliz Pérez, MS 2004 (Autothermal Reforming)
6. Yaritza López, MS 2004 (Fuel Cells, Impedance Spectroscopy)
7. Zoraya Berríos, ME, 2003. (Biodiesel Commercialization)
8. Gabriel Ruiz, MS, 2003. (Fuel Cells, Humidification)
9. Amilcar Orengo, MS, 2003 (Fuel Cells, CHP)
10. Ernesto Borrero, MS, 2002 (Biodiesel Ultrasound Synthesis)
11. Radamés Ayala, MS, 2002 (Fuel Cells, Impedance Spectroscopy)
12. Abner Delgado, MS, 2001 (Fuel Cells, Humidification)
13. Paulette Torres, MS, 2001 (Solar Detoxification)
14. Yen Cardenas, MS Thesis, 2001 (Fuel Cells, Methanol)