

Uriel R. Cukierman Biography

Uriel Rubén Cukierman received a professional degree in Electronic Engineering from the Universidad Tecnológica Nacional (UTN), Argentina, and a master's degree in Enterprise Information Systems Management from the Universidad Politécnica de Madrid (UPM), Spain. He is presently working on his PhD thesis in the area of Learning Sciences at the Universidad de Buenos Aires (UBA), Argentina.

Presently dean of the School of Engineering at the Universidad de Palermo (UP) and a professor at UTN, he has served as the Information & Communications Technologies Secretary (equivalent to a VP position) at UTN, the largest Engineering School in Argentina, for more than 15 years. Last year, he co-chaired and hosted the World Engineering Education Forum (WEEF) 2012, the largest ever engineering education conference, coordinating with eight different global organizations, several government agencies and corporate sponsors. Not only was it a huge success for students and faculty, but for the conference committee, as they were able to break even financially.

Former Director of the Learning Technologies Bachelor at UTN. Electronic Department founder and former Director at Technical School ORT Argentina. Research interests in Learning Technologies include the areas of mobile devices, learning management systems and the digital divide. Professor Cukierman has contributed to the National Universities Network as a member of its Administrating Committee and has worked as consultant for the National Communication Secretary and National Education Ministry in projects for distance learning and reducing the digital divide. Taught at the university level for over thirty years in electronics, computing, multimedia and learning technologies. He has served as a lecturer in seminars, courses and other specialized activities throughout Argentina and around the world. Wrote and published several original technical documents in different newspapers, journals and magazines in Argentina and in other countries. Produced three books about Learning Technologies and Engineering Education, one of which was published by Pearson. Authored five book chapters and more than 40 technical papers in refereed journals and conferences.

Other positions: GEDC Executive Committee Member (2013-2016); LA Horizon Report (NMC) Advisory Board Member (2013); STEM Horizon Report Advisory Board Member (2012-2013); Member of the Learning Technologies Program Board at UTN; Member of the Asociación para el desarrollo de la Tecnología Educativa y de las Nuevas Tecnologías aplicadas a la educación (EDUTEC) – Spain; Member of the Technical Committee at the Latin American and Caribbean Collaborative ICT Research Federation (LACCIR Virtual Institute); Member of the iNEER (International Network for Engineering Education & Research) Leadership Council (2006/2008); Co-coordinator at the Red Universitaria de Educación a Distancia (RUEDA) – Argentina (2009/2011); Secretary of the Executive Committee at Red de Interconexión Universitaria (RIU) – Argentina (2005/2009); Former Chairman of the Microsoft Research Latin American Advisory Board (2003/2007).