

## Alberto Carramiñana



Born in Mexico City and graduated as B. Sc and M. Sc from the Facultad de Ciencias of the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM). After obtaining his Ph. D in high-energy gamma-ray astronomy at the University of Durham, England, he made a postdoctoral stay at the ESTEC center of the European Space Agency with the CGRO-Comptel collaboration. He is a researcher at the astrophysics department of the Instituto Nacional de Astrofísica, Óptica y Electrónica (INAOE) in Mexico since 1993. He is co-author of 50 research papers and 100 conference presentations, together with having written over 220 outreach articles and about 90 public conferences. He is a member of the Mexican research system (Sistema Nacional de Investigadores), the Academia Mexicana de Ciencias, the Sociedad Mexicana de Física, the Dark Sky Association and the International Astronomical Union (IAU), where he presided the national representation of Mexico between 2006 and 2009. Co-organizer of over 20 national and international conferences in Mexico, including chairing the Scientific Organizing Committees of the 1998 IAU Regional Meeting and of the OG session of the 30<sup>th</sup> International Cosmic-Ray Conference in Merida, Yucatan. He was the chair of the astrophysics department of INAOE for over ten years and is currently the Director General of the institute. His research interest remains in the area of high-energy astrophysics, first taking advantage of the optical facilities of INAOE in the OAGH Cananea observatory, followed by a permanent involvement in the development of the HAWC gamma-ray observatory in Mexico since 2006. He occupies the position of spokesperson for Mexico in the HAWC collaboration since 2010, and forms part of the Follow-up Committee of the Gran Telescopio Canarias.