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Moises Wasserman is a chemist, graduating from the National University of Colombia and has a PhD in Biochemistry from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. His professional work has been developed mainly in research and teaching. His field of research is the biochemistry and molecular biology of tropical parasites. His study systems are the *Plasmodium falciparum*, parasite that causes malaria, and *Giardia lamblia*, an intestinal and very frequent parasite in children.

He teaches courses for undergraduate and graduate students in biochemistry and molecular biology. He has directed 45 undergraduate students, 32 Masters students and 10 PhD candidates.

Professor Wasserman has been very active in the development of public policies on science. He was consultant for Colciencias, the Colombian national agency for the support of science, and was also very active in the Colombian Academy of Sciences where he was vice-president for four years and president for the past four years. Currently, he is the rector of the National University of Colombia

He received the two highest Colombian national prizes in science. But, he has not limited his activity to scientific research. He writes frequently to the general press, and is very interested in ethics of science. He is the delegate of the Colombian Academy of Science to the Human Rights Network of Academies and Scholarly Societies. He participated in ICSU's committee on the Social Responsibility of Science and is currently a member of the Committee on Freedom and Responsibility in the Conduct of Science (CFRS).