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Dr. Suleiman received a BS in Chemical Engineering from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He then received an MS and a PhD in Chemical Engineering from Georgia Institute of Technology. Since then, he has been a Senior Research Engineer for DuPont, where he won the *2001 Engineering Excellence Award* for his research and technology transfer implementation of a new Lycra® dry spinning process for global operations (e.g., Singapore, Northern Ireland, China, and Brazil). He has also worked for: Exxon, Colgate-Palmolive, Eli Lilly, Johnson & Johnson, NASA, Penn State, the DOD Army Research Labs, the University of Washington, and the DOE National Lab NETL. He has been a Chemical Engineering faculty at the University of Puerto Rico, Mayagüez Campus (UPRM) for about twenty years. During that time he has received numerous awards including: the *Distinguished Professor of Chemical Engineering* (1997, 2002, and 2013), *τβπ Teaching Excellence Award* (1996), the *Georgia Tech Outstanding Young Alumni Award* (2003), the *AIChE Minority Affairs Committee Leadership Award* (2004), the *PR-LSAMP Outstanding Mentor Award* (2004), and the *Best Teacher in Chemical Engineering Award* (2008, 2009, 2010 and 2012). He has been Director of the Chemical Engineering Department at UPRM (2001-2003; 2007-2011), Director of the Office of Accreditation Assessment and Continuous Improvement for the College of Engineering of UPRM (2012-2017), and Director of the Research and Development Center at UPRM (2003-2007; 2017-date). He has received over \$14M in research grants from: NSF, DOD, Induniv, PR Science & Technology Trust, BBraun, Merck and others. He has graduated 7 PhD and 15 MS/ME students, published over 40 peer reviewed research publications, and presented over 100 technical presentations in National and International Conferences. He is a licensed Professional Engineer (PE) in Puerto Rico, an ABET Program Evaluator Volunteer (PEV), and an active member of *AIChE*, where he has held several leadership positions in the Minority Affairs Committee. Finally, he is the President of the Board of Directors of the Biotechnology Development and Training Center of Puerto Rico.