

## **Juan Carlos Arango-Lasprilla, Ph.D.**

Dr. Juan Carlos Arango-Lasprilla is currently a Ikerbasque Research Professor at BioCruces Vizcaya Health Research Institute affiliated with Cruces University Hospital in Bilbao, Spain. A neuropsychologist by training, his areas of expertise are neuropsychology, traumatic brain injury (TBI), and rehabilitation. He has been instrumental in securing over \$7 million dollars in grant funding as PI and co-PI, with emphasis on cross-cultural aspects in the field. Dr. Arango has received over 20 awards for his accomplishments in the area of brain injury and rehabilitation, including early career/emerging professional awards from the National Academic of Neuropsychology, the American Psychological Association's Division 22 Rehabilitation Psychology and Division 45 (Society for the Psychological Study of Ethnic Minority Issues), the International Brain Injury Association Young Investigator Award and Mid-Career awards such the Arthur Benton Mid-Career award from the International Neuropsychological Society and The Mitchell Rosenthal Mid-Career award From the American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine. He has published more than 300 articles and book chapters and edited 10 books.

Dr. Arango is well-known both in the US and abroad and has been a guest editor of 12 special issues in prominent rehabilitation journals. He currently serves on the editorial boards of 30 publications and has been a reviewer for an additional 50 journals around the world. As a renowned expert in his field, he is often invited to national and international conferences to speak on brain injury, neuropsychology, and rehabilitation. He has lectured at Grand Rounds and at more than 95 different universities across the globe. Dr. Arango organized and chaired 4 international conferences on neuropsychology, cultural issues and Brain Injury Rehabilitation. In total, over 3,200 people from 5 continents attended the 4 conferences to hear 65 different international presenters present on these topics.

Dr. Arango is actively involved in a number of national and international organizations, including ACRM as co-chair of the Service Delivery Task Force. He is a founding member of the Colombian Neuropsychological Society, and he founded the IberoAmerican Journal of Neuropsychology (both in 2016). His research focuses on understanding and addressing the cognitive, psychological, and emotional needs of individuals with brain injury and their families. He is particularly interested in under-served populations, such as Spanish speakers, and carries out research in the US, Europe, and Latin America. He was PI of a large, multi-center norming study in which more than 14,000 adults and children from over 15 countries participated. Thanks to his leadership, normative data by country is now available for the 12 most commonly used neuropsychological tests in each respective population.

Dr. Arango is a pioneer in the field. Through hard work and dedication Dr. Arango has succeeded in ensuring that cultural issues remain at the forefront of rehabilitation research and the minds of rehabilitation professionals around the world.