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Biography Don Ion AROCENA VÉLEZ



Ion AROCENA VÉLEZ has been serving since 2016 as Director General of the Spanish Bioindustry Association (*Asociación Española de Bioempresas* - AseBio), which he represents in various bodies and organisations, such as EuropaBio, the European Federation of Biotechnology industry, and the International Council of Biotechnology Associations (ICBA), among others. Ion Arocena holds a degree in Biology from the Complutense University of Madrid with Extraordinary Prize (2003) and a Master MBA from the EOI (2010). He has years of experience in scientific-technical and commercial viability assessments of technologies, projects and companies in the field of biotechnology. He worked as Technological Surveillance Technician at the Biotechnology Innovation Circle/OTRI UAM (2004-2005) and Evaluation and Commercialisation Technician at Genoma

España (2005-2006). Subsequently, he was partner and Investment Director of the venture capital firm specialising in biotechnology, SUANFARMA Biotech SGECR and advisor-representative in Agrenvec, Vivia Biotech and Clavesuan. As CEO of AseBio,

representing the Spanish Bioindustry Association, he is a member of the Board of EuropaBio, in which he performs the duties of Treasurer.