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Leo Colombo is a Chemical Engineer with more than 30 years of experience in R&D, QM & Conformity Assessment and Innovation. He started his career in the Iron & Steelmaking industry and after a fellowship in France, sponsored by UN and OAS, he was successively appointed to be Laboratory Chief, Pilot Plant Manager and Senior Researcher in a National R&D company.

Between 1992 and 1997 he continued his career in Canada as Quality Management System Manager for Grace Dearborn Inc., Canada and then as Total Quality Manager for Canada and Latin America of ICI Explosives, leading the implementation and certification process of several plants and sites in Canada, USA and Latin America.

In 1997 he moved back to Argentina to take office as Manager of the MS Certification Division of the IRAM, the National Standardization and certification body, becoming the Certification Director a few years later. As such he was deeply involved with IQNet where he was a member of the Board from 2000 till 2006 as VP of the Board, Chair of the Constitution and Policies Committee as well as Deputy Secretary General during the year 2006.

In the year 2005, in partnership with colleagues he founded Quara Group a Training and Consulting Company focused in MS and Conformity Assessment matters. Leo is an experienced consultant and tutor with working experience in more than 30 countries of Europe, Africa, North, Central and South America and the Caribbean region.

Leo has quite a experience in the standardization world, he is a member of the ISO/TC 176 since 1997; he actively took part of the revision of ISO 9001 carried out in the years, 2000; 2008 and 2015. He was Chair of the ISO/TC176 Spanish Translation Task Group from 1997 till 2003 and Chaired the Argentinean National Quality Committee for 7 years. He is member of the ISO TC279 Innovation Management since its creation in 2013 and convene WG1 developing the future ISO 50501: Innovation Management System; he is also member of TC309 Corporate Governance and took part of PC 278 Antibribery Management System.

Leo is Quality Auditor and Quality Manager certified by ASQ, a proud father of three sons and one daughter and a happy grandfather.