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Alfred Nobel and the Nobel Prizes

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ABSTRACT:

This lecture will present an introduction to Alfred Nobel, his life and the will and testament in which he instigated the creation of the Nobel Foundation and the Nobel Prizes. It will then move to describe the different Prizes and the mechanics for choosing candidates and awardees for the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine.

BIOGRAPHY:



Carlos Ibáñez studied biology at the University of Buenos Aires, Argentina, and conducted his PhD research in molecular parasitology at the Leloir Institute in Buenos Aires. He then undertook postdoctoral research in molecular neurobiology at the Karolinska Institute (KI) in Stockholm, Sweden, where he became Professor of Neuroscience in 1996. In 2004, he joined the Nobel Assembly at KI, the body that awards the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine.

In 2012, he moved to Singapore to join the Department of Physiology at the National University of Singapore (NUS). In 2021, he joined the School of Life Sciences at Peking University and the Chinese Institute for Brain Research in Beijing, China, where he is Professor and Principal Investigator. He retains a part-time faculty appointment at KI and has held several fellowships at the Stellenbosch Institute for Advanced Study (STIAS) since 2015.

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