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Wail Benjelloun obtained a Ph.D. from the State University of New York at Binghamton, and joined Mohammed V University in Rabat during the same year, where he built up and supervised the Neuroscience program. In 1994 he became the founding Vice President for Academic Affairs at Al Akhawayn University in Ifrane, Morocco's first English language university. In 2005 he was appointed Dean of the foremost Faculty of Science in the country, before serving as President of Mohammed V University in Rabat. During his term he was elected President of the Conference of Moroccan University Presidents. He has served on university Governing councils in Morocco (Euromediterranean University of Fez, *Ecole Centrale* Casablanca) and on multiple national and international academic boards and commissions. His activity in learned societies has including membership in the prestigious governing council of the International Brain Research Organization (IBRO, Paris) and terms as president of the Moroccan Association for Neuroscience (AMN, Rabat), the Association of Neuroscientists of Africa (SONA, Nairobi) and the International Society of Pathophysiology (ISP, Budapest). He is widely published in the field of neuroscience, as well as on regional educational issues. Today, he is Professor Emeritus of Mohammed V University in Rabat and President of the Moroccan-American Commission for Educational and Cultural Exchange (Morocco Fulbright).

Wail Benjelloun has a long-lasting commitment to Mediterranean cultural exchanges, university cooperation and quality education. He served as President of UNIMED from 2015 to 2018, a term that was marked by reorganization, growth and a challenging post-Franco Rizzi transition. He is presently a member of the Governing Council of the European University Center for Cultural Heritage in Ravello. He also serves on the Board of Trustees of the Alexandria Trust (London), dedicated to quality in Arab education and is a member of the Research commission of the Moroccan National Quality Assurance Agency (ANEAQ). Wail Benjelloun also serves on the Boards of Trustees of the Doha Institute for Graduate Studies (Doha) and of Middle East College in Muscat.