

**PROFMEX was established in 1982 by James Wilkie and five other Founding Directors
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James Wilkie (UCLA), who conceived of the PROFMEX name and organizational structure, called for the establishment of PROFMEX (Consortium for Research on Mexico and the World) at a meeting of prospective Board Directors in Cabo San Lucas, May 20-22, 1982. The PROFMEX purpose immediately developed its successful goals to represent universities around the world studying Mexico in the global context, and also interact with ANUIES (Mexico's National Association of Universities) which after internal debate embarked on forging a broader focus of research beyond Mexico.

The founding Directors, who approved of Wilkie's plans to become a non-profit public 501(c)(3) research organization, and who elected Jim as President, were Stanley R. Ross (University of Texas at Austin), Michael C. Meyer (University of Arizona), Albert E. Utton (University of New Mexico), and Clark W. Reynolds jointly with Clint E. Smith (both of Stanford University), who agreed to open the PROFMEX Secretariat at Stanford. The Board eventually would grow to 32 members around the world two holding the Nobel Prize: Norman E. Borlaug for having "invented" in Mexico the Green Agricultural Revolution that saved India and Pakistan from starvation in 1965; and Robert Mundell, who "invented" the Euro as the basis since 1999 for EU's common currency.)

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