

## **ROBERTO D. PECCEI**

### **BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

Roberto D. Peccei is Vice Chancellor for Research at UCLA, a position he has held since October, 2000. He is a particle theorist whose principal interests lie in the area of electroweak interactions and in the interface between particle physics and cosmology.

Peccei was born in Italy, completed his secondary school in Argentina, and came to the United States in 1958 to pursue his university studies in physics. He obtained a B.S. from MIT in 1962, and M.S. from NYU in 1964 and a Ph.D. from MIT in 1969. After a brief period of postdoctoral work at the University of Washington, he joined the faculty of Stanford University in 1971. In 1978, he returned to Europe as a staff member of the Max Planck Institute in Munich, Germany. He joined the Deutsches Elektron Synchrotron (DESY) Laboratory in Hamburg, Germany, as the Head of the Theoretical Group in 1984. He returned to the United States in 1989, joining the faculty of the Department of Physics at UCLA. Soon thereafter, he became Chair of the Department, a position he held until becoming Dean of the Division of Physical Sciences of the College of Letters and Sciences in November, 1993.

Peccei was the Schroedinger Professor at the University of Vienna in 1983, the Boris Jacobsohn Lecturer at the University of Washington in 1986, the Phi Beta Kappa Lecturer at UCLA and the Emilio Segre Professor at the University of Tel Aviv in 1992, and delivered the first Abdus Salam Memorial Lecture in Pakistan in 1997. He has served on numerous advisory boards both in Europe and the United States in the last 25 years. He is a member of the Club of Rome and is the President of the Fondazione Aurelio Peccei. He presently serves on the Board of the California Biomedical Association, is the Chair of the governing Board of the California NanoSystems Institute and is a member of the Visiting Committee for the Department of Physics at MIT. He is a Fellow of the American Physical Society, the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the Institute of Physics in the United Kingdom.