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Dr. Maria Elena Medina-Mora is an alumnus from the Iberoamerican University (UIA) where she completed her master studies. Later on, she obtained a doctoral degree in social psychology by the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM). She is an expert in addiction and mental health and has in fact held several academic positions to this purpose in the UNAM where she is also member of the Governance Board since 2003. She was director of the Department of Epidemiological and Psychosocial Research in the National Institute of Psychiatry “Ramon de la Fuente Muñiz” until October 2008. Henceforth she was named General Director of the same institute.

She is a level III of the National System of Researcher, is member of the National College, The Mexican Science Academy and of the National College of Psychologists.

Internationally she is member of several advisory committees of the World Health Organization tackling substance abuse and health consequences of alcohol consumption. She is also a member of the Inter-institutional Panel for the prevention of addiction of the United Nations and the International Narcotics Control Board.