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Dr. Rivera has published more than 200 scientific articles, book chapters, and books, and made more than 300 presentations and conferences in scientific events. His research interests include the epidemiology of stunting (under-nutrition and obesity); the short- and long-term effects of under-nutrition during early childhood; the effects of zinc and other micronutrient deficiencies on growth and health; the study of malnutrition in Mexico; and the design and evaluation of politics and programs to improve nutritional status of populations.

Dr. Rivera is a former director of Nutrition and Health at the Nutrition Institute of Central America and Panama (INCAP). In 1999, he served as President of the Health Sciences Committee at the Mexican National Council for Science and Technology (CONACYT). He is a National Researcher Level III and a member of the National Academy of Medicine, the Mexican Academy of Sciences, the Latin American Society of Nutrition, and the American Society of Nutrition.

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Dr. Rivera served as president of the International Nutrition Council of the American Society for Nutrition, representative of Latin America at the board of the International Union of Nutritional Scientists (IUNS), and member of the Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN).

Dr. Rivera has been honored with the 2010 International Hippocrates and the Scopus Award 2010 in the area of Health Sciences, also the Kellogg International Nutrition Prize 2009 awarded by the American Society for Nutrition.