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2012-2015 (July) PhD Researcher, Federal University of Espirito Santo
2006-2011 Assistant Professor in Electronic Engineering, ECCI University
- Qualifications:** PhD in Electrical Engineering (Robotics), Federal University of Espirito Santo, 2015.
Master in Biomedical Engineering, National University of Entre Rios, 2011
Specialization in Project Management, Colombian School of Engineering Julio Garavito, 2006
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Research interests and professional activities:

Carlos Andrés Cifuentes García is a Professor with the [Department of Biomedical Engineering](#) and Head of [Center for Biomechatronics](#) at [Colombian School of Engineering Julio Garavito](#) (ECIJG-Colombia). He has been Visiting Professor at [Universidade Federal do Espírito Santo](#), [University of Cauca](#) and [Plymouth University](#). Prior to that, he was a postdoc at [Universidade Federal do Espírito Santo](#) (UFES-Brazil). He is broadly interested in human-robot interaction and rehabilitation robotics in the context of developing countries.

He was born in Bogota, Colombia. In 2004, he received the BSc degree in Electronic Engineering from ECIJG, where he received the grade of honor, awarded to the highest GPA of his class. He received his Specialization in Project Management in 2006 at ECIJG. From 2006 to 2011 he worked as an entrepreneur and teaching assistant in the field of embedded systems. In 2011, he obtained his M.Sc. degree in Biomedical Engineering from [Universidad Nacional de Entre Ríos](#), Argentina. [His master's dissertation](#) was lauded as one of "10 finalist at the [Make It Challenge: Kinetis MCUs Americas](#)" by Freescale semiconductors.

In 2012, he joined the Robotics and Industrial Automation Group at UFES to pursue the Ph.D. degree. He developed a part of his thesis at [Automation Institute](#), (UNSJ-Argentina) and at [Neural and Cognitive Engineering group](#), CAR, (UPM-CSIC-Spain). [His Ph.D. thesis \(2015\)](#), for which he received the [Honorable Mention Award CAPES](#) as one of the best theses in 2016 in Brazil, focused on development a multimodal human-robot interface that provides a means of testing and validating control strategies for robotic walkers for assisting human mobility and gait rehabilitation. In 2017 his work was lauded as one of "[five history-changing ideas in Latin America](#)" by History Channel.

Research Projects:

- 2018-20: Royal Academy of Engineering - Industry-Academia Partnership Programme Colombia/UK(IAPP1\100126), CASTOR: CompliAnt Soft Robotics.
- 2017-18: Royal Academy of Engineering - Frontiers of Engineering - [Seed fund round 3 \(FoESF1718\3\2\)](#), [Development of an affordable hand prosthesis.](#)
- 2018-20: Colciencias Colombia – Call for Science, Technology and Innovation in Health 2017 (122077758499), Development of an Adaptable Robotic Platform for Gait Rehabilitation and Assistance AGoRA
- 2018-20: Colciencias Colombia – Call for Science, Technology and Innovation in Health 2017 (277877758389), Evaluation of the impact of the intervention of a social robot on the cardiovascular responses of patients in the Cardiac Rehabilitation program of the Fundación Cardioinfantil-Instituto de Cardiología SORCAR

- 2016-18: Royal Academy of Engineering - [Industry-Academia Partnership Programme Colombia/UK\(IAPP\1516\137\)](#), Human-Robot Interaction Strategies for Rehabilitation based on Socially Assistive Robotics.
- 2016-18: Colombian School of Engineering Julio Garavito Research Funds, Project Eksowalker - Adaptive robotic platform for gait rehabilitation and assistance of based on the integration of an active exoskeleton and a robotic walker.
- 2016-18: Fostering international cooperation N°03/2016–SRI/PRPPG/UFES, (Federal University of Espiritu Santo - Colombian School of Engineering Julio Garavito) Human-Environment Interaction Strategies for Walker-Assisted Gait.
- 2016-19: Ibero-American Research Network (Cyted 216RT0504), [Rehabilitation and assistance of patients with neurological impairments by means of affordable robotic exoskeletons.](#)
- 2017: Colombian School of Engineering Julio Garavito Research Funds, Evaluation of biomechanical parameters in walker assisted gait.
- 2017: Colombian School of Engineering Julio Garavito Research Funds, Development of a navigation interface for mobile assistance devices.
- 2017: Colombian School of Engineering Julio Garavito Research Funds, Evaluation of biomechanical parameters in exoskeleton assisted gait.
- 2015: FAPES-Brazil, Human-Robot Interaction Strategies for Assistive Locomotion.
- 2014-17: Spanish Council for Scientific Research, [CPWalker: Robotic Platform for Gait Rehabilitation and Training in Patients with Cerebral Palsy.](#)
- 2013-15: CNPq-Brazil, Development of a Robotic Platform for Rehabilitation Based on Exoskeleton- Walker Fusion.
- 2012-15: FAPES-Brazil, Development of a ZigBee Sensor Network for Lower-Limb Rehabilitation Assessment.
- 2011: Freescale Semiconductor-USA, Sensor-based Biomechanical Kinematics Monitoring System for Physical Rehabilitation.

Selected publications:

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- Marcela Munera, Alexandra Marroquin, Laura Jimenez, Juan S Lara, Catalina Gomez, Sandra Rodriguez, Luis E Rodriguez, **Carlos A Cifuentes**, Lokomat therapy in Colombia: Current state and cognitive aspects, *International Conference on Rehabilitation Robotics (ICORR)*, 2017 p. 394-399 ISSN: 1945-7901
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- Maria Martins, Arlindo Elias, **Carlos Cifuentes**, Manuel Alfonso, Anselmo Frizera, Cristina Santos, Ramón Ceres, Assessment of walker-assisted gait based on Principal Component Analysis and wireless inertial sensors, *Brazilian Journal of Biomedical Engineering*, vol 30, no. 3. ISSN 1517-3151
- **C.A. Cifuentes**, M.J. Suarez, C.A. Rodriguez, L.E. Rodriguez and A. Frizera, Control of the Game Skills for a Robot Soccer from Global Vision System, *International Journal of Applied Engineering Research (IJAES)* vol. 9,n. 21 p. 11129-11142, ISSN: 0973-4562.

- M. J. Suarez, K. E. Salinas, **C. A. Cifuentes** and J. C. Suárez, Applying Ontologies for Web Text Mining Using Heterogeneous Information, *International Journal of Information Processing and Management (IJIPM)*, vol. 5, n. 4, p 18-27, November 2014.
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