

## **Ramón J. Cao García, Ph.D. – Biographical Notes**

Ramón J. Cao García was born in La Habana, Cuba, and resident of Puerto Rico since 1961. He is married to Norma I. Alvira Ruiz, and father of three sons, Ramón Esteban, José Julián and Carlos Manuel.

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