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Mario C. Raviglione has been Director of the Global TB Programme at the World Health Organization (WHO) since 2003. He joined WHO in 1991 to work on TB/HIV research and TB epidemiology in Europe. He was part of the team that developed the DOTS strategy in 1994. He set up the global drug resistance surveillance project (1994) and the global TB surveillance & monitoring system (1995). In his first decade at WHO, he worked on experimental regimens for treatment of latent infection in the mouse model, described the feasibility of preventive therapy in Africa (1995), first reported the TB control crisis in Eastern Europe (1993), and co-developed estimates and projections of the global TB epidemic. Between 1999 and 2003, he was Coordinator for Strategy and Operations globally, focusing on surveillance; operational research; responses to TB/HIV and multi drug-resistant TB; and DOTS expansion worldwide. Currently, as Director of the Global TB Programme of WHO, he is responsible for setting norms, policies and standards on TB control, coordinating technical support to countries, monitoring the global situation, and developing innovative interventions through translation of new evidence into policies & practice and addressing system challenges such as community and private sector engagement. As part of this work, he developed the Stop TB Strategy in 2006 and the new End TB global Strategy approved by the World Health Assembly in 2014. He has been a member of the Stop TB Partnership Coordinating Board since 2001. He has worked in many countries world-wide. He has published over 350 articles and chapters on the topics of infectious diseases, HIV/AIDS and TB in the most influential health journals and books, including in the last five editions of the Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine. He is among the top 10 most cited authors in the TB field and his h-index is 81. He is editor of the 3rd and 4th (2006, 2009) edition of "Tuberculosis - A comprehensive International Approach", a landmark multi-author book, and associate editor of other books. As a leading expert in TB, he has served as a visiting professor at Johns Hopkins University, Université de Genève, Università di Modena & Reggio Emilia, and Università di Pavia. He is currently professor at the medical school of the University of Brescia. He has lectured at top international health conferences in over 50 countries world-wide. He sits in a variety of scientific and advisory committees of major institutions. He has worked as WHO focal point on global health in the G8 agenda in 2009 and on World Health Day 2011 devoted to antimicrobial resistance. He graduated from the University of Turin in Italy in 1980, and trained in internal medicine and infectious diseases in New York (where he was Chief Medical Resident at Cabrini's Medical Centre) and Boston, where he was appointed an AIDS Clinical Research Fellow at Beth Israel Hospital, Harvard Medical School. In 2005, he received the Princess Chichibu TB Global Award for his achievements in TB control. In 2009 he was nominated Fellow of the Royal Academy of Physicians (F.R.C.P., London, UK). In 2010 he received the Wolfheze 20 Year Jubilee Award for his contributions to modern TB control practices in Europe. In 2014 he was appointed a Foundation Fellow of the European Respiratory Society (F.E.R.S.). In 2014 he received the Lifetime Achievement Award by the India International Public Health Conference of the Indian Medical Association.