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Pier Luigi Lopalco, MD, Full Professor of Hygiene and Preventive Medicine at the University of Salento (Italy). He started his academic career in the public health field in 1992. Between 2005 and 2015 he joined the ECDC, where has been Head of the Vaccine Preventable Disease Programme. During that period, he has contributed to strengthening European collaboration in the field of vaccination programmes and produced several guidance documents to support the decision-making process for introduction of new vaccines at national level. Since October 2015 he took back his position in the Italian University, moving to University of Pisa in April 2016 and therefore to University of Salento in July 2021. His research activity has been focused on infectious disease epidemiology and prevention with a particular focus on vaccine preventable disease. He is co-author of more than 200 scientific articles in peer reviewed journals (h-index 40). He has also co-authored a chapter in the textbook Vaccines 6th Edition by Plotkin S., Orenstein W., and Offit P.