

**Gaetano M Fara, MD MPH, PhD**

***curriculum vitae***

Born in 1934. MD cum laude at the Milan Medical School in 1958, Master in Public Health in 1960, PhD in Hygiene (1965) and Microbiology (1967). Full professor of Hygiene at the Milan University 1970-1986, full professor of Hygiene at the Sapienza University in Rome 1986-2009, Interim Professor of Environmental Health at the School of Architecture (1968-71 and 1985-to date) and Member of Faculty at the Bocconi University, Master of International Health Management, Economics and Policy – MIHMEP (1996-2010), both in Milan. Director of the Institute of Hygiene in Milan (1974-1986) and in Rome (1988-2002), of the Department of Public Health Sciences 2004-2007 in Rome, of the School of Public Health in Milan (1974-1986) and in Rome (1987-2009). Director of the University Hospital Centralized Laboratory in Milan 1974-86, Chief of the Hospital Hygiene Service in Rome 1988-2006. Periods in UK and USA working in epidemiology of viral diseases and vaccination policies (School of Public Health, University of Michigan). Member (1985-1988) and Chairman of Section II (1988-1994) of the National Health Council. Member of the National Vaccination Committee, Italian Ministry of Health and Chief of the Italian Representative in the WHO/Euro polio-free Commission (1999-2005 and 2014 to date). At the time of the Seveso Chemical Disaster (1976) he was appointed President of the Epidemiological Committee in charge for the event and, later, Secretary to the International Seveso Steering Committee chaired by the epidemiologist Prof Marcus Klingberg, Jerusalem University.



Major scientific interests in epidemiology of infectious diseases, in environmental health, in the evaluation of vaccinations and in health organization and management. Over 700 scientific papers and one Textbook of Hygiene (6 editions). Member of the International Epidemiological Association, of the Council of the European Public Health Associations (EUPHA – seated in the Governing Council 2002-2009); the Schools of Public Health of the Universities of Milan (until 1986) and La Sapienza of Rome (since 1987), under his direction, were among the very few Italian Schools at that time acting as members of ASPHER (Association of the Schools of Public Health of the European Region).

President 1997-1998 of the Italian Society of Hygiene, Preventive Medicine and Public Health ([www.societaitalianaigiene.org](http://www.societaitalianaigiene.org)); Member 2013-2018 of the Board of Arbitrators, same Society.

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