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Short bio:

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Henrique Barros was born in Porto, in 1957, and graduated in Medicine in 1981. During 1988-89 he was research fellow at the Internal Medicine Department of Lund´s University Hospital. In 1991 he was certificated as gastroenterologist and received his PhD, with research on the epidemiology of viral hepatitis. He is Full Professor of Epidemiology at the University of Porto since 2000.

Henrique launched the Master Programs in Public Health, Epidemiology and Sociology and Health as well as the doctoral program in Public Health at

the University of Porto, the doctoral program in Global Public Health (program director), a joint program with University NOVA of Lisbon, financed by the Portuguese Research Foundation (FCT) and the PhD Program in Public Health at the University Agostinho Neto in Luanda, Angola. He is responsible for the design and implementation of the three Portuguese population-based cohorts, which for the last two decades follow adults (EPiPorto), adolescents (EPITeen) and newborns (Generation 21).

He was a member of the Scientific Council for Health Sciences of the Foundation for Science and Technology (2004-12), the National Coordinator for HIV/AIDS (2005-11), the President of the National Health Council (2018-22). Member of the Medical Sciences (MED) Scientific Committee of Science Europe (2012-15); Chair of the External Scientific Advisory Committee of CIBERESP, Spain (2019-2023).

He chaired the Department of Hygiene and Epidemiology later designated Department of Public Health, Forensic Sciences and Medical Education at the University of Porto Medical School (1992 to 2022); Now, he is the President of the Institute of Public Health, University of Porto and Past-President of the International Epidemiological Association.

Henrique served in the ASPHER Executive Board and also at APHEA Board of accreditation.

He has developed research as a PI in national and international projects, in areas such as perinatal epidemiology, cardiovascular, infectious and cancer diseases, which resulted in (co)authorship of more than 400 scientific publications in international journals. Work as research and best practices projects evaluator for funding institutions in Portugal, Poland, Italy, Belgium, Nederland, Luxembourg, France, Spain and the European Union

He is a member of the Portuguese Medical Academy and the Sciences Academy of Lisbon. He was given by the Ministry of Health the Gold Medal for distinguished services and by the city of Porto he was attributed the Gold Medal for Merit.