

Biography – Walter Ricciardi

Walter Ricciardi, MD, MPH, MSc, is Professor of Hygiene and Public Health at the Catholic University of the Sacred Heart in Rome, in August 2015 Walter Ricciardi was appointed President of the Italian National Institute of Health (Istituto Superiore di Sanità) where he was Commissioner from July 2014 to July 2015.

In 2010 he was elected President of the European Public Health Association (EUPHA) and in 2011 he was re-elected for a second term up to 2014. Since 2014 he is Past President of EUPHA.

In 2011 he was appointed Member of the European Advisory Committee on Health Research to the WHO European Regional Director and from 2011 to 2014 he was Member of the Executive Board of the National Board of Medical Examiners of the United States of America.

He manages several undergraduate and postgraduate teaching activities including a Master of Science programme and International Courses in Epidemiology.

In Italy he was member of the Higher Health Council of the Ministry of Health in the years 2003-2006 and the Italian Minister of Health appointed him Chair of the Public Health Section of the Council itself from 2010 to 2014.

In May 2013 he was appointed Member of the Expert Panel on effective ways of investing in Health (European Commission, DG – SANTE) and in December 2016 he has been awarded a three-year second mandate.

He was appointed Member of the Steering Committee of the Center for Global Health Research and Studies of the Medical School, Catholic University of the Sacred Heart, Rome for the years 2015/2016 -2018/2019.

In December 2015, he was appointed Director of the WHO Collaborating Centre for Health Policy, Governance and Leadership at the Institute of Public Health, Medical School, Catholic University of the Sacred Heart – Rome.

He is Editor of the European Journal of Public Health, of the Oxford Handbook of Public Health Practice and Founding Editor of the Italian Journal of Public Health and of Epidemiology, Biostatistics and Public Health.