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Professor Hovi is a virologist and the former head of the WHO Collaborative Center/Polio at the National Institute for Health and Welfare (THL), Helsinki, Finland. Dr Tapani Hovi has been involved in research and surveillance of poliovirus infections since 1984. He has authored and co-authored multiple peer-reviewed scientific papers and presented works at many national and International conferences. Dr Tapani Hovi is actively associated with different societies and academies



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Ms Ogden has been the Worldwide Polio Eradication Coordinator and Technical Director for the US Agency for International Development (USAID) and a Senior Technical Advisor for Health and Child Survival since 1997. Ms Ogden has further served as a Peace Corps volunteer in Papua New Guinea and a John's Hopkins University Health and Child Survival Fellow with USAID's Latin America Bureau. In 2009, Ms. Ogden received USAID's Award for Heroism for her successful efforts to negotiate "Ceasefires and Days of Tranquility" in several conflict countries in Africa and Asia. She is also the recipient of Rotary International's prestigious "Paul Harris Fellows Award" for Humanitarian Service.



Dr Rudolf Tangermann

Dr Tangermann is a paediatrician and epidemiologist, formerly senior WHO staff member working with the Polio Eradication Initiative. He also formerly held positions with the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the WHO Western Pacific Regional Office (WPRO) in Manila, Philippines. For more than 20 years he has worked on polio eradication and immunization issues at the global level, with emphasis on assisting with implementation of polio eradication field strategies (supplementary immunization campaigns, disease surveillance) in Pakistan and Afghanistan, and on maintaining and further improving poliovirus surveillance at the global level.



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