“Elimination of Infectious Diseases in the Americas:
Chimera or Realism”

The Region of the Americas was the first of the six World Health Organization Regions to eliminate smallpox and polio. The talk will discuss progress and potential elimination of several infectious diseases in the Region in public health terms, experience and perspectives, status of elimination of various infectious diseases building on prior success stories, elimination in the global health context and opportunities the Sustainable Development Goals and Universal Health present, knowledge gaps and research opportunities, challenges and way forward.