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Victor Saraiva is a Doctor in Veterinary Medicine from *Universidade Federal Fluminense*, Brazil, in 1973; Master of Sciences in Veterinary Epidemiology from Texas A&M, in 1982.

Dr Saraiva worked with the Brazilian Ministry of Agriculture between 1973 and 1989, mainly in the area of epidemiology and disease surveillance systems. Joined the Pan American Health Organization in 1989 as an International Animal Health Consultant in Colombia, and latter on as PAHO Rep in the country. In 1994 Dr Saraiva was moved to the Pan American Foot-and-Mouth Disease Center - PANAFTOSA-PAHO/WHO to be in charge of the Epidemiological Surveillance System. From 1999 to the date, Dr. Saraiva has been in charge of the Vesicular Diseases Unit, responsible for direct technical cooperation to the countries in the elaboration of disease control and eradication strategies for Foot-and-Mouth Disease.

Dr. Saraiva is author of several papers on the epidemiology of FMD and FMD control program development, is a member of the FMD Adhoc Group of the OIE and responsible for the Technical Secretary of the South American Commission for the Fight Against Foot-and-Mouth Disease - COSALFA, the Hemispheric Committee for the Eradication of Foot-and-Mouth Disease - COHEFA and the Inter-American Group for Eradication of Foot-and-Mouth Disease – GIEFA.