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Paolo Dario is Professor of Biomedical Robotics and Director of The BioRobotics Institute of the Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna (SSSA), Pisa, Italy. He is the Coordinator of the PhD Program in BioRobotics at SSSA, enrolling 85 PhD students. He has been Founding Coordinator of the Center of Micro-BioRobotics@SSSA of the Italian Institute of Technology (IIT), and he is currently Senior Scientist of IIT. He has been Visiting Professor at Brown University, Providence, RI, USA; at the École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL), Lausanne, Switzerland; at the École Normale Supérieure de Cachan, France; at the Collège de France, Paris, France; at the Polytechnic University of Catalunya, Barcelona, Spain; at Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan; at Zhejiang University, Hangzhou and at Tianjin University, China. He is also Visiting Chief Researcher, Robotics and Biomedical Engineering at Khalifa University, Abu Dhabi, UAE. His main research interests are in the fields of medical robotics, bio-robotics, bio-mechatronics and micro/nano engineering and robotics. He is the coordinator of many national and European projects, the editor of two books on the subject of robotics, and the author of more than 300 ISI journal papers. Prof. Dario has been and is Editor-in-Chief, Associate Editor and member of the Editorial Board of many international journals. He has been program chair, general chair and plenary invited speaker in many international conferences (including IEEE ICRA, IROS and EMBC). He has served as President of the IEEE Robotics and Automation Society in the years 2002-2003. Prof. Dario is an IEEE Fellow, a Fellow of the European Society on Medical and Biological Engineering, and a recipient of many honors and awards, such as the Joseph Engelberger Award for Pioneer Research in Biomedical Robotics and the IEEE RAS George Saridis Leadership Award in Robotics and Automation for 2014. He is also a member of the Board of the International Foundation of Robotics Research (IFRR) and a Fellow of the School of Engineering, University of Tokyo.

He has served and serves in many Boards and Committees, including the IST Advisory Group (ISTAG) of the European Commission (two terms), the Global Agenda Council on Robotics and Smart Devices of the World Economic Forum, and the Board of Directors of the euRobotics AISBL, the entity promoting the creation of a Public Private Partnership in Robotics in Europe. He has promoted the creation of more than 20 start-up companies active in the market of biomedical devices and services, and he is/has been a partner of 5 of these start-up companies.