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His Excellency

Aleksander Sallabanda

Albanian ambassador to the U.S.

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Aleksander Sallabanda was appointed ambassador in February 2006. Sallabanda, former deputy minister of health (2005–06), is not a career diplomat. He served as the head of research programs (2000–04) and as national coordinator on HIV/AIDS/STD (1998–99) at the Institute of Public Health in the Ministry of Health of Albania. In his joint academic and medical career, Sallabanda was director of the Research Institute of Hygiene and Epidemiology and head of the Department of Public Health at the University of Tirana (1994–97), head of the Microbiology Laboratory at the University of Tirana Hospital of Pulmonary Disease and TB (1985–93), head of microbiology in District of Kukes Public Health (1975–84), microbiologist at the Research Institute of Hygiene and Epidemiology (1974–75), and faculty of medicine both as a microbiology specialist (1972–74) and as a general practitioner (1966–71). Sallabanda received training in public health with both WHO and UNICEF, and he has participated in international programs with both of those organizations over the last decade. He has published numerous articles and bulletins in his field and authored *Antibiotics and their Good Use*, a textbook for physicians. He is fluent in English and Italian, and his wife, Sashenka, is head of the pediatric ICU at Mother Theresa University Hospital Center in Tirana, Albania.