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Prospects for Future Longevity Gains

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Dr. Vaupel is the world's foremost demographer of longevity. His research spans the study of humans, including centenarians and twins, nematodes, and Mediterranean fruit flies to further understanding of the determinants of and limits to human life expectancy. He is a leader in the new areas of biodemography and paleodemography.

Dr. Vaupel, who was born on May 2, 1945 in New York, is married and has two daughters. He studied mathematical statistics, business administration, and public policy at Harvard University, where he received his BA in 1967 and his Ph.D. in 1978. Prof. Vaupel has taught at Duke University, the University of Minnesota, the University of Southern Denmark, and the University of Rostock, Germany. He is currently a member of the Committee on Population of the U.S. National Academies of Sciences and he recently completed a five-year term on the National Advisory Council on Aging. Dr. Vaupel is Founding Director of the Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research in Rostock, Germany as well as being Senior Research Scientist and Head of the Program on Population, Policy, and Aging at the Terry Sanford Institute of Public Policy at Duke University.

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