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PAN AMERICAN SANITARY ORGANIZATIONEXECUTIVE COMMITTEEREPORT OF THE SECOND BI-ANNUAL MEETING.BUENOS AIRES, SEPT. 22-23, 1947

The Executive Committee held its Second Bi-Annual Meeting in the city of Buenos Aires from 22 to 23 September, 1947. Representatives of the following countries attended: Argentina: Dr. Alberto Zwanck; Brazil: Dr. Heitor Praeger Frôes; Costa Rica: Dr. Enrique M. Olivieri; Cuba: Dr. Luis Espinosa; Chile: Dr. Nacianceno Romero; United States of America: Dr. Thomas Parran; Mexico: Dr. Ignacio Morones; The Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, Dr. Fred L. Soper, also attended. The officers, as elected at the First Meeting, were as follows: Chairman: Dr. Thomas Parran; Vice-Chairman: Dr. Alberto Zwanck; and Secretary: Dr. Fred L. Soper

The Director submitted his report on the activities of the Bureau during the period elapsed since the previous Meeting. The most important points covered in his report are as follows: Pursuant to instructions given at the last Meeting of the Executive Committee, the Director sent to the Member Governments the report of the First Meeting of the Executive Committee, the draft of the Constitution, and the proposed changes in the Pan American Sanitary Code. He also requested the opinion of each Member Government with regard to the advisability of continuing to hold meetings of the National Directors of Health. He reported that the majority of replies received were in agreement that any meeting of the National Directors of Health held during 1948 should coincide with the meeting of the Directing Council. He also requested that the Directing Council during the present meeting, decide on a suitable administrative and scientific draft program for the meeting next year.

In addition, the Director duly informed the Member Governments regarding the financial needs of the Bureau and the recommendation made for increasing the quota from \$0.40 to \$1.00 per 1,000 inhabitants, having already requested supplemental annual contributions from certain governments.

The Director invited Canada to send an observer to the meeting of the Directing Council in Buenos Aires, suggesting to the Assistant Secretary of Public Health of Canada that his country join the Pan American Sanitary Organization. Due to the very heavy program of its Ministry of Public Health, Canada was not

able to send an observer. Up to the present time, no reply has been received to the invitation sent to Canada to join the Pan American Sanitary Organization.

The Director requested the Committee's opinion on the policy which he has followed with regard to the various technical committees recommended by the XII Pan American Sanitary Conference and by other Conferences; he requested authority to use his own discretion in setting up these committees, acting in accordance with the Bureau's financial resources and the development of its program.

The Director requested the Committee's approval for charging individuals and non-official institutions a nominal subscription fee for the PASB Bulletin. He also requested authority to discontinue the payments which the Bureau is making to its statistical representatives in the various countries.

The Director also advised that the staff rules and regulations of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau have not yet been drawn up in accordance with the decision of the XII Pan American Sanitary Conference, due to the fact that the Bureau is still working in close cooperation with the Pan American Union and observing its staff regulations, and since it is considered most advisable that such regulations, when adopted, conform as closely as possible to those of the World Health Organization.

After study and consideration of the Director's report and of the points brought up during the sessions, the Committee recommends to the Directing Council.

1. That the following points submitted by the Director, be approved:

- a) that the Director be authorized to use his own discretion in setting up the technical committees, acting in accordance with the Bureau's financial resources and the development of its program; CE2.R1
- b) that a nominal subscription fee be charged to individuals and private institutions desiring to receive the PASB Bulletin; CE2.R2
- c) that payments to statistical representatives in the various countries be discontinued;
- d) that the preparation of the staff rules and regulations be postponed, in order that they may conform as closely as possible to those of the Specialized Agencies of the United Nations; CE2.R3

- e) that recommendations be submitted to the Director with regard to the preparation of a scientific program for the meeting of the Directing Council next year.

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2. That the Council postpone its discussion of the Pan American Sanitary Code until a future meeting, giving due consideration to the legal implications of any changes in the Code and to future action by the World Health Organization on a World Sanitary Code.

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In witness whereof, this Report was signed in the city of Buenos Aires on the twenty-third day of the month of September, nineteen hundred and forty-seven.

For Argentina: Doctor Alberto Zwanck.

For Brazil: Doctor Heitor Prager Frôes.

For Chile: Doctor Nacianceno Romero.

For Cuba: Doctor Luis Espinosa.

For Mexico: Doctor Ignacio Morones

For the United States: Doctor Thomas Parran.

For Costa Rica: Doctor Enrique M. Olivieri.

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