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REPORT ON THE PAHO AWARD FOR ADMINISTRATION, 1982

During the sessions of the 88th Meeting of the Executive Committee, held in Washington, D.C., from 23 to 30 June 1982, the Award Committee, after reviewing the documentation submitted by five Member Governments, recommended that the PAHO Award for Administration, 1982, be granted to Dr. Julio César Mérida de León. Dr. Mérida de León was nominated by the Government of Guatemala for his outstanding work in the organization and conduct of programs for the prevention and control of communicable diseases, and for his influence in strengthening and modernizing the administration of general health services.

After hearing the presentation of the report of the Award Committee (Document CE88/8, ADD. I), the Executive Committee took note of the recommendation and adopted Resolution XII (see Annexes I and II).

The following resolution is presented for the consideration of the Conference:

Proposed Resolution

THE XXI PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,

Having reviewed the report of the Award Committee of the PAHO Award for Administration and Resolution XII of the 88th Meeting of the Executive Committee (Document CSP21/14 and Annexes); and

Bearing in mind the regulations set forth in the procedure and guidelines governing the PAHO Award for Administration,

RESOLVES:

To declare Dr. Julio César Mérida de León of Guatemala winner of the PAHO Award for Administration, 1982.



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PAHO AWARD FOR ADMINISTRATION, 1982

Report of the Award Committee

The members of the Award Committee of the PAHO Award for Administration, 1982, were Dr. Walter Chin, of Guyana; Ramón Alvarez Gutiérrez, of Mexico; and Dr. José Rodríguez Soldevilla, of the Dominican Republic. Dr. Manuel A. Bobenrieth (PASB) served as Secretary.

The Committee met on 23 and 24 June and, after being informed in detail about its terms of reference and about the work done by the PAHO Secretariat in connection with the granting of the Award, took note that the following five nominations had been presented for the PAHO Award for Administration in 1982:

Dr. Roberto Ciganda Morere of Argentina,
Dr. Alvaro Fernández Salas of Costa Rica,
Dr. Tulio López Ramírez of Venezuela,
Dr. Julio César Mérida de León of Guatemala, and
Dr. Arnaldo Tejeiro Fernández of Cuba.

This was the third consecutive year that five or more nominations were presented since the establishment of the Award in 1969. This large number of nominations was highly gratifying to the Committee, which interpreted it as a result of the PAHO Secretariat's effective work of publicizing and promoting the Award and of the interest of the Member Governments of PAHO in giving recognition to those who had contributed to improving the administration of their health systems and services.

The Award Committee studied the current general guidelines for conferring the Award and adopted the following seven criteria for the

evaluation of nominations: (a) The priority of the specific problem area or discipline of knowledge in relation to the administrative function (high, intermediate or low); (b) continuity and consistency of the candidate's work throughout his professional career (occasional, intermittent or continuous); (c) scope and significance of the candidate's accomplishment (local, national or international); (d) the level at which he has worked (that of methods and procedures, programs, or policy); (e) duration of the effects (short, intermediate or long term); (f) originality of his contribution (does it apply existing knowledge or generate new knowledge?); and (g) his personal qualities, especially in regard to leadership, ability to work as a member of a team (high, intermediate, or low).

The Committee made an objective study of all the documentation presented and was gratified to find that three of the candidates essentially met these criteria for the Award. After a second thorough and detailed study of all the material before it, the Committee decided unanimously to recommend that the PAHO Award for Administration be conferred in 1982 on Dr. Julio César Mérida de León, of Guatemala, for his outstanding work in the organization and conduct of programs for the prevention and control of communicable diseases and for his influence in strengthening and modernizing the administration of general health services.

Dr. Mérida de León's steady, genuine and unassuming leadership combined in some measure the wisdom and perspective of the historian and the penetrating insight of the scientific observer with the ability to take decisions and implement appropriate actions directly beneficial to the health of the people of his country, and whose effects extended beyond its borders.



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RESOLUTION XII

PAHO AWARD FOR ADMINISTRATION, 1982

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Having examined the report of the Award Committee, PAHO Award for Administration (Document CE88/8, ADD. I);

Taking into consideration the provisions of the Procedure and Guidelines for conferring the Award; and

Considering the importance of encouraging a higher level of competence in the administration of health services,

RESOLVES:

1. To note the decision of the Award Committee to confer the PAHO Award for Administration, 1982, on Dr. Julio César Mérida de León of Guatemala for his work in the organization and conduct of programs for the prevention and control of communicable diseases and for his influence in strengthening and modernizing the administration of general health services.

2. To transmit the report of the Award Committee of the PAHO Award for Administration (Document CE88/8, ADD. I) to the XXI Pan American Sanitary Conference.

(Approved at the sixth plenary session,
25 June 1982)