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PAHO AWARD FOR ADMINISTRATION

The Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau is pleased to present for consideration of the Executive Committee a proposal for establishment of an annual award for administration as explained in this document.

In 1968, Dr. Stuart Portner, former Chief of Administration of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, served as a Member of the Committee of Experts for the Study of Administrative and Financial Procedures of the Pan American Union. At his request the honorarium for this service, amounting to US\$9,200 was paid to the Pan American Health Organization. Dr. Portner has expressed a desire that an award approximately equivalent to the interest which could be earned from investment of this amount should be given in recognition of achievement in better administrative management in the field of health in the Americas.

The Executive Committee may wish to consider establishing an annual award of \$400 to be given to an outstanding practicing public health official or a worthy student preparing a thesis on administration in health. To assure a simple procedure for making such an award the Executive Committee may consider authorizing the Director to appoint an award committee composed of not less than 3 nor more than 5 members.

Bearing in mind the general objectives of this award, the Award Committee should have considerable flexibility in determining criteria and selection procedures. It might, for example, divide the award between a student and a public health official. It might also decide to give a monetary award to a worthy student and an honorary award to an outstanding practicing public health official.

If the Executive Committee is favorable to this proposal it may wish to approve an authorizing resolution.