



PAN AMERICAN HEALTH ORGANIZATION  
WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION



# 14th DIRECTING COUNCIL

15th SESSION OF THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE

*Washington D.C., 16 - 25 October 1963*

---

## **RESOLUTION**

### **CD14.R31**

## **REPORT ON THE RESEARCH POLICY AND PROGRAM OF THE PAHO**

*THE 14<sup>th</sup> DIRECTING COUNCIL,*

Having considered the report of the Director on the research policy and program of the Pan American Health Organization (Document CD14/18);

Bearing in mind Resolution XXVI of the XVI Pan American Sanitary Conference, which expressed its satisfaction with the research policy and program as presented and requested the Director to submit to the Directing Council an annual report, which is now under review;

Recalling that the Task Force on Health at the Ministerial Level<sup>2</sup> (15-20 April 1963) took note of the importance of research, stating that "it is important that research in the bio-medical, bioengineering, and biosocial fields be closely coordinated with the operational and information requirements of health services, health planning agencies, and institutions engaged in the education and training of health personnel," and to that end suggested that the Governments assess their research and research training resources and accelerate their activities in these fields with a view to the solution of social problems that have been given high priority under national plans and in the Charter of Punta del Este;

Considering that, while the bulk of the current research program is concerned with biomedical and biostatistical problems, activity in the fields of environmental health and biosocial and

administrative studies is being accelerated and should be expanded greatly in the future if health programs are to achieve the targets laid down in the Charter of Punta del Este for the decade of the 1960's;

Noting that research studies on medical education and physician needs and on the organization and administration of health services and medical care are being undertaken in cooperation with the Milbank Memorial Fund; and

Appreciating that the assistance rendered through the grant program of the United States Public Health Service/National Institutes of Health has played an important part in intensifying and expanding the research program, and that the PASB Office of Research Coordination, since its inception in November 1961, has been financed in large part by an NIH grant that terminates in December 1963,

#### *RESOLVES*

1. To express its satisfaction with the substantial progress that has been achieved, and to commend the Director, the Advisory Committee on Medical Research, the staff, and the many experts involved in initiating these research endeavors.
2. To express its concurrence in the policy of accelerating research studies in environmental health and biosocial and biostatistical research dealing with health conditions and the economic and social aspects of health, and with medical care, including administrative research to improve health services and medical care programs.
3. To approve the steps already taken to cooperate with national research councils and other appropriate bodies in studying national resources in the health sciences and communication systems in scientific research and, upon request and within the resources of the Bureau, to assist Governments in establishing national research councils.
4. To endorse the efforts that are being made for developing research studies on needs for physicians in relation to medical education programs.

*Sept. 1963 OD 54, 22*