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PAHO AWARD FOR ADMINISTRATION:

Changes to Procedures

1. The 2016 Award Committee for the PAHO Award for Administration recommended that both the procedures and guidelines for the selection of candidates and the title of the Award should be adapted to the new conditions influencing the health field, as well as to the terminology currently being utilized.
2. In accordance with that recommendation, the Secretariat introduced the changes indicated in the procedures. The Executive Committee approved the new procedures, including the change of title, so that they can be used, starting in 2017, in the consideration of candidates for the renamed PAHO Award for Health Services Management and Leadership. Resolution CE158.R14, which includes the new procedures, is annexed hereto.

Annex

158th SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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RESOLUTION

CE158.R14

PAHO AWARD FOR ADMINISTRATION:

Changes to the Procedures

THE 158th SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Having examined the proposed amendments to the procedures for conferring the PAHO Award for Administration (Document CE158/6, Rev. 2);

Considering that in 2015 the Executive Committee, in its 156th Session, adopted Resolution CE156.R12, in which it requested a review of the general procedures for conferring this award in order to enhance its importance and encourage Member States to present candidates of excellence in the corresponding area;

Given that, in accordance with Resolution CE156.R12, the Pan American Sanitary Bureau prepared changes to the procedures that were reviewed by a working group formed specifically for this purpose by the Subcommittee on Program, Budget, and Administration in its 10th Session,

RESOLVES:

1. To approve the name change of the award to “PAHO Award for Health Services Management and Leadership” and the amendments to the procedures for conferring this Award as shown in the Annex.
2. To transmit the new procedures for conferring the “PAHO Award for Health Services Management and Leadership” to the 55th Directing Council.

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PAHO Award for Health Services Management and Leadership

Procedures

1. In order to contribute to the improved management of health systems and services, and to recognize significant contributions and leadership in the development and implementation of initiatives that have facilitated the management and expansion of quality comprehensive health services within health systems in the Americas, the Pan American Health Organization is renaming the PAHO Award for Administration as the PAHO Award for Health Services Management and Leadership. The Award will be given annually on a competitive basis and will consist of a diploma and the sum of US\$ 5,000. This sum will be reviewed as appropriate by the Executive Committee on the recommendation of the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau.
 2. The Award will be conferred on a candidate who has made a significant contribution in his/her home country and/or throughout the Region of the Americas to improve the development of health systems; the organization, management, and administration of health services; the development of programs, projects, or initiatives that have demonstrated impact on population coverage and access to health services; the expansion of health services to meet the needs of the population, in particular those in situations of greatest vulnerability; the development of quality programs and patient safety programs at the national or institutional level; the organization and management of primary care services at the community level; the development of integrated networks of health services including hospital services; or the production of knowledge and research to achieve change in health service delivery. The Award is conferred in recognition of work completed in the 10 preceding years.
 3. Current and former staff members of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau and the World Health Organization are ineligible to be nominated for this Award for activities carried out in the course of their assigned duties in the Organization.
 4. The Award Committee will be selected each year during the first session of the Executive Committee and its term will be only for the length of that selection process. The Executive Committee will appoint an Award Committee consisting of the President of the Executive Committee and a delegate and alternate from each subregion. If, despite the appointment of alternate delegates, a vacancy were to occur, the President will make arrangements to cover it. When candidates are submitted from the same Member States represented on the Award Committee, the President of the Executive Committee will designate the alternate delegate from the corresponding subregion.
 5. The Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau will invite Member States to submit no more than two nominations for the Award. The Bureau will issue an open call for candidates during the first week of November each calendar year. The names of candidates proposed by each Member State must be received by the Director of the Pan
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American Sanitary Bureau no later than 31 March in the year of the Award, together with the candidates' curriculum vitae and the documentation supporting the merits of the candidacy. This documentation will include a brief narrative describing the contribution of the candidate's work in the relevant field (see article 2 above). To facilitate the work of the Award Committee, the required information on each candidate will be presented on the standard form provided by the Pan American Sanitary Bureau and included in the call for candidates. This form and the documentation supporting the candidate's merits must be completed in full, with explicit responses to each of the questions. All documentation must be submitted in original form.

6. Nominations received by the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau after 31 March will not be considered for the Award.

7. The Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau will forward to the members of the Award Committee copies of the documentation submitted no less than 45 days before the date of the opening of the June session of the Executive Committee. To support the deliberations of the Award Committee, the Pan American Sanitary Bureau will also provide technical comments and any other information on candidates it may deem relevant to the deliberations of the Award Committee.

8. The Award Committee will meet and deliberate on the proposed candidates and will submit its recommendations during the week of the session of the Executive Committee. At least three members of the Award Committee must be present to make a meeting valid. The deliberations of the Award Committee are confidential and not for discussion outside of the Award Committee. The Award Committee will make a recommendation to the Executive Committee, approved by a majority of members present. The Executive Committee will have the final decision on accepting or rejecting recommendations of Award, with the possibility of further deliberations and recommendations by the Award Committee.

9. Candidates not elected may be renominated, following the procedure described above.

10. The winner of the Award will be proclaimed during the Directing Council or the Pan American Sanitary Conference.

11. The Award will be presented to the successful candidate during the appropriate meeting of the Directing Council or the Pan American Sanitary Conference. The cost of his or her travel will be paid by the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, which will make such arrangements in accordance with PAHO's rules and regulations.

12. When such presentation is not practicable, alternatives will include:
 - a) receipt of the Award at the Directing Council or the Pan American Sanitary Conference by a member of the delegation of the recipient's country, on his/her behalf;
 - b) presentation in the home country by the PAHO/WHO Representative on behalf of the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau.
13. Whatever method is used to present the Award, it will be accompanied by appropriate publicity issued to the news media, both by the Pan American Sanitary Bureau and the government concerned.
14. These procedures may be reviewed by the Executive Committee at any time, as deemed appropriate in light of acquired experience. Proposed amendments must be approved by the Executive Committee and transmitted to the Directing Council or the Pan American Sanitary Conference for its information.

(Eighth meeting, 23 June 2016)
