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Rule 7 of the Rules for Technical Discussions establishes that "The Technical Discussions shall deal with only one subject, which shall be selected at the meeting of the Conference or the Directing Council preceding by two years that at which the Technical Discussions are to be held."

Accordingly, the topic for the Technical Discussions to be held in 1979 during the XXVI Meeting of the Directing Council of PAHO, XXXI Meeting of the Regional Committee of WHO for the Americas, shall be selected at the XXV Meeting of the Directing Council.

Lists of the topics of the Technical Discussions of PAHO since 1953 and WHO since 1951 are annexed.

Annexes

TOPICS OF TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS

Pan American Health Organization

1953 - Directing Council

Nutrition Programs in Public Health Services

1954 - Pan American Sanitary Conference

1. Methods of Improving the Reliability of Raw Statistical Data Required for Health Programs
2. Control of Infant Diarrheas in the Light of Recent Scientific Progress
3. Application of Health Education Methods in Rural Areas in Latin America

1955 - Directing Council

1. Methods of Improving the Education of Public Health Personnel
2. Medical Care in Rural Areas

1956 - Directing Council

Methods for the Preparation of National Public Health Plans

1957 - Directing Council

Bases and Methods for the Evaluation of Health Programs

1958 - Pan American Sanitary Conference

The Prevention of Accidents in Childhood

1959 - Directing Council

Technical, Financial, and Administrative Aspects of Water Supply in the Urban Environment in the Americas

1960 - Directing Council

Technical, Administrative, Legal, and Financial Aspects of Garbage and Refuse Disposal

TOPICS OF TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS

Pan American Health Organization (cont.)

1961 - Directing Council

Methods of Evaluation of the Contribution of Health Programs
to Economic Development

1962 - Pan American Sanitary Conference

The Present Status of Medical Care in the Americas in Relation
to its Incorporation as a Basic Service in Integrated Health
Programs

1963 - Directing Council

Ideas for the Formulation of a Plan for the Control of Gastro-
intestinal Diseases, including Environmental Sanitation Measures,
Epidemiology, Health Education, and Early Diagnoses and Treatment

1964 - Directing Council

Tuberculosis Eradication: A Task for Present Planning and
Future Action

1965 - Directing Council

Methods of Improving Vital and Health Statistics

1966 - Pan American Sanitary Conference

Means for Promoting and Making Effective the Coordination
between the Services and Programs of Ministries of Health,
Social Security Institutes, and Other Institutions that
Conduct Activities Related to Health

1967 - Directing Council

Methods of Increasing Health Services Coverage in Rural Areas

1968 - Directing Council

Participation of the Health Sector in Population Policy

TOPICS OF TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS

Pan American Health Organization (cont.)

- 1969 - Directing Council
 Financing of the Health Sector
- 1970 - Pan American Sanitary Conference
 Venereal Diseases as a National and International
 Health Problem
- 1971 - Directing Council
 Environmental Pollution
- 1972 - (Postponed until 1973)
- 1973 - Directing Council
 Community Health Services and Community Involvement
- 1974 - Pan American Sanitary Conference
 Studies and Strategies to Reduce Morbidity and
 Mortality from Enteric Diseases
- 1975 - Directing Council
 Methodologies for the Formulation of National Food
 and Nutrition Policies and Their Intersectoral
 Implementation
- 1976 - Directing Council
 Development of the Health Service Infrastructure
 with Due Regard to the Need for Extension of
 Coverage
- 1977 - Directing Council
 Coordination between Social Security Systems and
 Public Health
- 1978 - Pan American Sanitary Conference
 Drugs: Incidence of Drugs in Health Costs.
 National and International Problems *

*If the Directing Council accepts the recommendation of the Executive Committee in Resolution XI of its 78th Meeting, this title will be modified to read:
"The Impact of Drugs on Health Costs: National and International Problems."

TOPICS OF TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS

World Health Organization

- 1951 - The Education and Training of Medical and Public Health Personnel
- 1952 - a) The Economic Value of Preventive Medicine
b) The Methodology of Health Promotion of Local Areas
- 1953 - Methods of Applying Modern Health Techniques of a Preventive and Curative Nature to Give the Most Effective and Economical Results of a Long-term Program in Relation to the Following Communicable Diseases: a) Tuberculosis, b) Syphilis, c) Typhoid Group of Fevers
- 1954 - Public Health Problems in Rural Areas
- 1955 - Public Health Problems in Rural Areas
- 1956 - The Role of Nurses
- 1957 - The Role of the Hospital in the Public Health Program
- 1958 -
- 1959 - Health Education of the Public
- 1960 - The Role of Immunization in Communicable Diseases Control
- 1961 - Recent Advances in Tuberculosis Control
- 1962 - Mental Health Programs in Public Health Planning
- 1963 - Education and Training of the Physician for the Preventive and Social Aspects of Clinical Practice
- 1964 - The Influence of Community Water Supply Programs on Health and Social Progress
- 1965 - Health Planning
- 1966 - The Collection and Use of Health Statistics in National and Local Health Services
- 1967 - The Challenge to Public Health of Urbanization
- 1968 - National and Global Surveillance of Communicable Diseases

TOPICS OF TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS

World Health Organization (cont.)

- 1969 - The Application of Evolving Technology to Meet the Health Needs of People
- 1970 - Education for the Health Professionals - Regional Aspects Aspects of a Universal Problem
- 1971 - Mass Health Examinations as a Public Health Tool
- 1972 - The Contribution of Health Programmes to Socio-economic Development
- 1973 - Organization, Structure and Functioning of the Health Services and Modern Methods of Administrative Management
- 1974 - The Role of the Health Services in Preserving or Restoring the Full Effectiveness of the Human Environment in the Promotion of Health
- 1975 - Social and Health Aspects of Sexually Transmitted Diseases: Need for a Better Approach
- 1976 - Health Aspects of Human Settlements
- 1977 - The Importance of National and International Food and Nutritional Policies for Health Development
- 1978 - National Policies and Practices in Regard to Medicinal Products
- 1979 - Technical Cooperation in the Field of Health Among Developing Countries

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Report of the Working Group for the Selection
of Topics for the Technical Discussions

In the morning of 4 October 1977 the Members of the Working Group appointed by the President of the Directing Council met to select proposed topics for the Technical Discussions in 1979. The Working Group consisted of Dr. Elizabeth Quamina of Trinidad and Tobago, Dr. Angel Paz of Guatemala, and Dr. Rubén Cáceres of Paraguay, and was assisted by Drs. Ruperto Huerta and José María Salazar of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau.

The Working Group examined and selected the topics in accordance with Rules 7 and 8 of the Rules for Technical Discussions.

The Group examined 22 proposed topics presented by 16 countries and one nongovernmental agency. Three topics were selected unanimously which were put forward in the largest numbers of proposals. Doubts arising about the significance and scope of the third topic were clarified by its proponents.

The results were as follows:

1. Strategies for Extending and Improving Potable
Water Supply and Excretal Disposal Services
During the Decade of the 80's

2. Extension of Mental Health Services as a Component
of Family and Community Health

3. Multisectoral Approach to Health