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MANUEL VELASCO SUÁREZ AWARD IN BIOETHICS, 2003

1. The Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau and the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Pan American Health and Education Foundation are pleased to announce that the Manuel Velasco-Suárez Bioethics Award 2003, will be presented for the second time during the 44th Directing Council.
2. The winner of the Manuel Velasco Suárez Bioethics Award is a young scholar or researcher whose work demonstrates achievement and potential for development in the field of basic or applied bioethics. The winner is selected by a committee of five international experts in bioethics and public health approved by the Foundation's Board of Trustees. Nominations are received from ministers of health, leaders in bioethics worldwide, staff members of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), collaborating partners and friends of PAHO and the Foundation.
3. Created in 2002, by the Pan American Health and Education Foundation, in cooperation with PAHO and the government of Mexico, this Award honors Dr. Manuel Velasco Suárez, Mexican physician, researcher, scholar and founder of the National Institute of Neurology and Neurosurgery, and of the Mexican National Bioethics Commission. His long-time commitment to research and teaching and his deep interest in the furtherance of knowledge justify that this Award bears his name.
4. The Pan American Health and Education Foundation is a public, nonprofit foundation based in Washington, D.C., which is headed by an independent Board of Trustees and dedicated to improving the health of the people of the Americas. The Foundation works in partnership with PAHO. The Manuel Velasco Suárez Award is one of five international

awards given by the Foundation, in cooperation with PAHO to stimulate excellence in public health leadership, volunteerism, research and veterinary public health.

Previous Winner of the Velasco-Suarez Award

Dr. Debora Diniz

Brazil

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