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The PAHO Award for Administration is given annually to an outstanding professional in the health field, in its broadest sense, to stimulate excellence and leadership in the area of health administration and management.

As in previous years, the Award Committee, a subcommittee of the Executive Committee of PAHO, will meet during the 120th Meeting of the Executive Committee to determine the winner of the 1997 Award. The list of previous winners is presented as part of this document.

Introduction

At its 120th Meeting, the Executive Committee will receive a report from the Award Committee of the PAHO Award for Administration. The PAHO Award for Administration dates back to 1969, when the Executive Committee of PAHO, at its 61st Meeting, accepted a donation from Dr. Stuart Portner, former Chief of Administration of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, to institute an annual award for the purpose of contributing to the improvement of health administrative systems. The Award, currently in the amount of US\$ 5,000, is granted according to procedures and guidelines approved by the Pan American Sanitary Conference and the Directing Council of PAHO.

The Award Committee will be made up of representatives from three Member States serving on the Executive Committee (Bahamas, Chile, and El Salvador), who will meet during the 120th Meeting of the Executive Committee to select the winner from among the candidates proposed by governments. The Award will be presented to the winner at a ceremony that will take place during the XL Meeting of the Directing Council in September.

Candidates for the PAHO Award for Administration, 1997

| <i>Name</i> | <i>Country</i> |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|
| Dr. Óscar Sandoval Morón | Bolivia |
| Dr. Alfonso Duque Álvarez | Colombia |
| Dr. Francisco Henao Machado | Colombia |
| Dr. Álvaro Salas Chaves | Costa Rica |
| Dr. Jorge Carlos Aldereguía Henriques | Cuba |
| Dr. Eduardo Bernabé Ordaz Ducungé | Cuba |
| Dr. Raúl Montesano Castellanos | Mexico |
| Lic. Julio W. Medina Mendoza | Panama |
| Prof. Dr. Baltus F. J. Oostburg | Suriname |
| Dr. Raúl Amorín Cal | Uruguay |
| Dr. Bartolomé Finizola Celli | Venezuela |

Award Recipients in Previous Years

Previous recipients of the PAHO Award in Administration have been:

1996 *Mrs. Michaela M. Storr* (Bahamas). Hospital Chief Administrator. Health Services Administration (HSM, AHSM). For her work at the grassroots level in developing an integrated local health system and for the introduction of innovative systems for the management of hospitals.

1995 *Dr. Hipólito Vergara Muñoz* (Chile). Medical Comptroller, Committee on Preventive Medicine and Disability. For his pioneering work in the field of community medicine and primary health care, particularly in rural areas.

1994 *Dr. Zilda Arns Neumann* (Brazil). Director of the Division of Maternal and Child Health, Ministry of Health. For her outstanding work in the administration of programs in a variety of public health fields, particularly maternal and child health, in both nongovernmental and governmental organizations and at state and national levels.

1993 *Dr. Georgina Velásquez Díaz* (Mexico). General Coordinator of the Solidarity Program, Mexican Institute of Social Security. For her contribution to the organization and consolidation of the administrative infrastructure and health services of the Solidarity Program.

1992 *Dr. Desmond O. N. McIntyre* (Dominica). Former Chief Medical Officer, Ministry of Health and Social Security. For his outstanding work in the area of health administration.

1991 *Prof. Oscar Mateo de Acosta Fernández* (Cuba). Director, National Institute of Endocrinology, and Professor of Internal Medicine, University of Havana. For his outstanding contributions in health research, teaching, and administration, particularly in the field of endocrinology.

1990 *Dr. Pedro Alejandro de Armas H.* (Venezuela). Director of the School of Medicine, Francisco de Miranda University, Coro, State of Falcón. For his outstanding work in the area of health administration.

1989 *Dr. David Bersch Escobar* (Colombia). Scientific Director, Foundation for the Development of Health Education. For his outstanding work in research, teaching and management in the area of health administration.

1988 *Dr. Guido Miranda Gutiérrez* (Costa Rica). Executive President, Costa Rican Social Security Fund. For his outstanding contribution to administration and teaching in the areas of health and social security.

1987 *Dr. John E. F. Hastings* (Canada). Professor of Health Care Administration, University of Toronto. For his outstanding services and publications in the public health field, especially in administration and research.

1985 *Dr. Elizabeth Quamina* (Trinidad and Tobago). Chief Medical Officer, Ministry of Health and Environment. For her outstanding work in health planning, administration, and human resources development.

1984 *Dr. Manuel Barquín* (Mexico). Professor, School of Medicine, National Autonomous University. For his exceptional contribution to the improvement of the health in Mexico and other countries of Latin America, as well as for his academic achievements in the areas of teaching and research.

1983 *Dr. Arnaldo Tejeiro Fernández* (Cuba). Adviser, National Bureau of Statistics. For his

contributions and the positive social repercussions of his work as a member of the National Health System.

1982 *Dr. Julio César Mérida de León* (Guatemala). Chief, Tuberculosis Division, Ministry of Public Health and Social Welfare. For his work in developing and executing programs for the prevention and control of communicable diseases, and for his influence in strengthening and modernizing comprehensive health services administration.

1981 *Dr. Frederick Burns Roth* (Canada). Professor of Health Administration, University of Toronto, and President and Chairman of the Board, Home Care Program for Metropolitan Toronto. For his work in improving the practice and teaching of health care administration, both nationally and internationally.

1980 *Dr. Jair de Oliveira Soares* (Brazil). Minister of Social Security, Federal Government. For his contribution to the organization and management of health sector services in his country, at both the regional and the national levels.

1978 *Dr. Oswaldo Egas Cevallos* (Ecuador). General Director for Health Planning, Ministry of Public Health. For his work in the administration of health services.

1977 *Dr. Roberto Pereda Chávez* (Cuba) (posthumous). Director, the Department of International Relations, Ministry of Public Health. For the exceedingly salutary effects of his work on the administration and consolidation of the National Health System.

1976 *Dr. Ernani Guilherme Fernandes da Motta* (Brazil). Superintendent of the Health Campaigns Superintendency, Ministry of Health. For his work in administrative management, especially in relation to the meningitis vaccination campaign.

1975 *Mr. Dennis Sanchez Acuna* (Costa Rica). Planning expert in the Sectoral Unit, Ministry of Health. For his outstanding contribution in drawing up the National Health Program for 1975-1978, particularly the methods used to improve the development of administrative resources.

1973 *Mr. Guillermo Istúriz* (Venezuela). Founder of the hospital administration program and of the courses in this discipline at the School of Public Health. For work in the field of hospital management which is regarded as the basis for the doctrine and practice in this field and as having shaped the modern approach to hospital management in his country.

1972 *Dr. Eduardo Zapata Salazar* (Peru). Director of Personnel, Ministry of Health. For his work on the preparation and implementation of a model of a personnel administration system for the health sector in his country.

On the recommendation of the Award Committee, the Award was declared void in 1971, 1974, 1979, and 1986 because the nominations did not meet the approved criteria or because only one nomination had been submitted.

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PAHO AWARD FOR ADMINISTRATION, 1997

Report of the Award Committee

The Award Committee of the PAHO Award for Administration 1997, was comprised of Dr. Merceline Dahl-Regis (Bahamas), Dr. Fernando Muñoz Porras (Chile), and Dr. Humberto Urbina (El Salvador).

The Committee met on 24 June 1997 and examined the information on the candidates nominated by Member States, namely:

| <i>Name</i> | <i>Country</i> |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|
| Dr. Óscar Sandoval Morón | Bolivia |
| Dr. Alfonso Luque Álvarez | Colombia |
| Dr. Francisco Henao Machado | Colombia |
| Dr. Álvaro Salas Chaves | Costa Rica |
| Dr. Jorge Carlos Aldereguía Henriques | Cuba |
| Dr. Eduardo Bernabé Ordaz Ducungé | Cuba |
| Dr. Raúl Montesano Castellanos | Mexico |
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The Committee noted that three candidacies had been received after the deadline for nominations and therefore were not eligible for consideration. According to Procedure 8 of the Award, it recommended that their candidacies be held in abeyance for consideration in 1998, subject to the endorsement of their governments.

After an extensive debate, the Committee unanimously decided to confer the PAHO Award for Administration, 1997, on Dr. Eduardo Bernabé Ordaz Ducungé, of Cuba, for his pioneering efforts in the establishment of rehabilitation programs and the humanization of

hospital care for persons suffering from chronic mental illness.

The Committee also noted with regret the recent death of Dr. Elizabeth Quamina, of Trinidad and Tobago, recipient of the Award in 1985.

The Award Committee proposes to the Executive Committee adoption of the following resolution:

Proposed Resolution

THE 120th MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Having examined the report of the Award Committee of the PAHO Award for Administration, 1997 (Document CE1208, Add. I); and

Bearing in mind the provisions of the Procedure and Guidelines for conferring the PAHO Award for Administration as approved by the XVIII Pan American Sanitary Conference (1970) and amended by the XXIV Pan American Sanitary Conference (1994),

RESOLVES:

1. To note the decision of the Award Committee to confer the PAHO Award for Administration, 1997, on Dr. Eduardo Bernabé Ordaz Ducungé, of Cuba, for his pioneering efforts in the establishment of rehabilitation programs and the humanization of hospital care for persons suffering from chronic mental illness.
2. To transmit the report of the Award Committee of the PAHO Award for Administration, 1997 (Document CE1208, Add. I), to the XL Meeting of the Directing Council.