PROVISIONAL AGENDA ITEM 14

ESTABLISHMENT OF OFFICIAL RELATIONS WITH THE PAN AMERICAN FEDERATION OF ASSOCIATIONS OF MEDICAL SCHOOLS

Through its President, Dr. Amador Neghme R., the Pan American Federation of Associations of Medical Schools has requested that the Pan American Health Organization establish official relationships with it as non-governmental inter-American organization representing the national associations of Medical Schools.

The statutes of the Federation were adopted by the delegates to the III Conference of Latin American Faculties of Medicine held in Viña del Mar, Chile, on 29 November 1962. It is a non-governmental, educational and scientific organization whose purpose is to contribute in an organized and progressive manner to the improvement of medical education in the Americas.

The objectives of the Federation coincide in spirit, aims, and principles with those of the Pan American Health Organization as set forth in the preamble and defined in Article 1 of the PAHO Constitution.

Article 26 of the Constitution states that "the Conference or the Council may make suitable arrangements for consultation and cooperation with other organizations interested in or concerned with public health and, to this end, may conclude special agreements with such organizations." Furthermore, the XIV Pan American Sanitary Conference adopted Resolution XXVIII, Relations between the Pan American Health Organization and non-governmental organizations, establishing the general requirements to be satisfied by an association in order to be admitted into official relations with the Pan American Health Organization.

The Federation satisfies the requirements laid down. In addition, its cooperation may be useful in implementing our medical education programs. In any event, closer relations between the Pan American Health Organization and the Federation will put us into close touch with Faculties and Schools of Medicine.
The Executive Committee may wish to consider the adoption of a resolution along the following lines:

**Proposed Resolution**

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Having examined Document CE52/6 on the Pan American Federation of Associations of Medical Schools and bearing in mind the considerations contain therein;

Having examined the statutes of the Pan American Federation of Associations of Medical Schools; and—

Bearing in mind the provisions of Article 26 of the Constitution and Resolution XXXVIII of the XIV Pan American Sanitary Conference,

RESOLVES:

To recommend to the XVI Meeting of the Directing Council, XVII Meeting of the Regional Committee of the World Health Organization for the Americas:

1.- That it establish official relations with the Pan American Federation of Associations of Medical Schools.

2.- To authorize the Director to give to the Pan American Federation of Associations of Medical Schools, bearing in mind financial and budgetary limitations such support, even of the financial nature, as he deems advisable for the better carrying out of the medical education program of the Organization.

Annex: Letter from the President of the Pan American Federation of Associations of Medical Schools.
Dear Dr. Horwitz:

I have the honor, in the name and on behalf of the Pan American Federation of Associations of Medical Schools, to request that the Pan American Health Organization establish official relations with this association as an inter-American non-governmental organization representing national associations of Medical Schools.

The aims and objectives of the Federation, as can be seen from the attached copy of the Statutes, coincide in spirit, purpose and principles with those of the Pan American Health Organization, as set forth in the preamble and defined in Article 1 of its Constitution.

I should therefore be grateful if you would submit this request to the XVI Meeting of the Directing Council of the Pan American Health Organization for consideration and approval, after having first submitted it to the Executive Committee if you deem that the proper procedure.

I am Sir, yours very sincerely,

Dr. Amador Neghme R.
President