



PAN AMERICAN HEALTH ORGANIZATION
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20th DIRECTING COUNCIL

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RESOLUTION

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PAHO RESEARCH POLICY AND PROGRAM

THE 20th DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having considered the report on the PAHO research program, 1962–1971, submitted to the Tenth Meeting of the PAHO Advisory Committee on Medical Research (CD20/13);¹

Having noted that the program encompasses a variety of subjects and has provided assistance to practically all the Latin American countries;

Having noted further that during the decade under review the program has developed from a small beginning to an outlay of approximately US\$3.6 million annually, most of which is provided from outside sources, and that this growth has been achieved with a minimum administrative structure;

Realizing that biology, health, and medicine are not explicitly included in the Regional Scientific and Technological Development Program called for in the Declaration of the Presidents of America at their Meeting in Punta del Este in April 1967, thus depriving the Pan American Health Organization of access to the funds made available for the implementation of the program;

Recognizing that in order to carry out the research program successfully in the next decade it is necessary to strengthen the Organization's research and research training efforts, by allocating to the program a greater proportion of the Organization's own funds; and

Recalling that the Special Fund for Research established by the XVII Pan American Sanitary Conference² for the specific purpose of providing additional resources for the support of research and research training in the Americas has, for the most part, been largely inactive for lack of funds,

RESOLVES

1. To congratulate the Director on the progress of the PAHO research program in the last decade.
2. To express appreciation to the Governments, foundations, agencies, and other groups that have hitherto supported the Program.
3. To instruct the Director to include in the PAHO regular budget increasing amounts assigned to the research and research training program, with more emphasis in the areas of the administration and delivery of health services, housing and environmental control, and chronic diseases.
4. To instruct the Director to renew his efforts with the Organization of American States to include the Pan American Health Organization as an active participant in the Regional Scientific and Technological Development Program with access to the funds made available for implementing that program.
5. To thank the Governments of Chile, Trinidad and Tobago, and Uruguay for their contributions to the Special Fund for Research and to urge all other Member Governments to contribute to this Fund on a regular basis.

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