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SELECTION OF THE TOPIC FOR THE TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS TO BE HELD DURING THE XIX PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE, XXVI MEETING OF THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE OF WHO FOR THE AMERICAS

The Directing Council has the responsibility of selecting the topic for the Technical Discussions to be held in 1974 at the XIX Pan American Sanitary Conference, XXVI Meeting of the Regional Committee of the World Health Organization for the Americas.

A list of the topics of the PAHO and WHO Technical Discussions since 1951 is attached for the information of the Council.

The procedure for selecting topics for the Technical Discussions is defined in Rules 7 and 8 of the Rules for Technical Discussions, as follows:

Rule 7. The Technical Discussions shall deal with only one subject, which shall be selected each year at the meeting of the Conference or the Directing Council preceding that at which the Technical Discussions are to be held. The Governments and the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau shall be entitled to suggest subjects either prior to those meetings or in the course of them. The Bureau shall inform the Governments of the Organization of the subjects proposed. Both the Conference and the Council shall be entitled to delegate the selection of subjects to the Executive Committee.

Rule 8. The subjects proposed shall be submitted to a working group appointed by the President of the Conference or the Council, as the case may be, which shall be responsible for hearing the proponents and preparing a list of not more than three subjects for submission to the appropriate plenary session.

Annexes: I. Topics of PAHO Technical Discussions
II. Topics of WHO Technical Discussions
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
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

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1956 - The Role of Nurses

1957 - The Role of the Hospital in the Public Health Program

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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
REPORT OF THE WORKING GROUP FOR THE SELECTION OF THE TOPIC FOR THE TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS TO BE HELD AT THE XIX PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE

The Working Group composed of Dr. Abelardo Sáenz Sanguinetti (Uruguay), Dr. Miguel Angel Aguilar Oliva (El Salvador) and Dr. Jeffrey Wilson (Jamaica) carefully reviewed the list of topics suggested by the Representatives of Member Countries on the Directing Council. Fourteen topics in all had been suggested, and among these the one concerning "the problem of enteric infections" had been supported by 10 countries while the others were mentioned by only one country each. The Working Group, bearing in mind that some of the topics proposed are covered by the programs of the Organization or have been partially dealt with in previous technical discussions, decided to choose from among the topics proposed, as being of the greatest interest and topicality, those concerned with mental health and drug dependence in the Americas.

The Working Group accordingly submits to the Directing Council for consideration and for its final selection the following three topics:

Studies and strategies necessary to reduce morbidity and mortality from enteric infections (10 votes)
Mental health in public health programs (1 vote)
Drug dependence and abuse in the Americas (1 vote)

Annex
Maternal and Child Health
Salud Maternoinfantil

Preparation and Utilization of Human Resources for the Expansion of Health Services in Rural Areas
A Preparacao e Utilizacao de Recursos Humanos para a Expansao dos Servicos de Saude em Areas Rurais

Enteric infections
Infecciones entéricas

Studies and Strategies necessary to Reduce Morbidity and Mortality from Enteric Infections (proposed by 4 countries)
Estudios y estrategias necesarios para reducir la morbilidad y mortalidad por infecciones entéricas

Environmental Health in Rural Areas
Saneamiento del medio ambiente en el medio rural

Study and Strategy to reduce Morbidity and Mortality from Diarrheas
Estudio y estrategia para reducir morbimortalidad por diarreas

Development of Mental Health Activities
Developpement de actions de sante mentale

Measures to Combat Gastroenteritis
Medidas para disminuir la morbimortalidad por la Gastroenteritis

Organization and Management of Health Services
Organización y Administración de los Servicios de Salud

Measures to Combat Gastroenteritis
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Participación de la comunidad en los servicios de salud pública  

Aedes aegypti eradication  
Erradicación del Aedes aegypti  

Diarrheas  
Diarreas  

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Water-borne Diseases in Latin America  
Enfermedades de origen hídrico en América Latina  

National Plans for the Prevention of Traffic Accidents  
Planes nacionales para prevención de accidentes de tránsito  

Population Dynamics (Family Planning)  
Dinámica de la Población (Planificación Familiar)  

Drug Dependence and Abuse in the Americas  
Farmacodependencia en las Américas  

Cancer as a Public Health Problem  
El cáncer como problema de salud pública  

Current Status of Preventive Vaccination in the Present and Future Public Health Situation of the Americas  
Estado actual de las vacunaciones preventivas en el panorama actual y de futuro de la salud pública de las Américas  

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SECOND REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO SELECT
THE TOPIC FOR THE TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS

The Committee to select the topic for the Technical Discussions, consisting of Dr. Abelardo Sáenz Sanguinetti (Uruguay) and Dr. Miguel Angel Aguilar (El Salvador) - Dr. Jeffrey Wilson of Jamaica being absent - met with the Representative of Barbados to conduct a review of the topics proposed by the countries, including Barbados, in the field of "Malnutrition and Related Diseases."

Agreement was reached as to the importance of malnutrition in the Americas, but it was nevertheless recognized that on this topic various meetings have been held which have established a clearly defined policy for the Organization in the sphere of food and nutrition.

As regards diseases related to malnutrition, these are closely connected with enteric diseases, which was one of the topics selected by the Committee.

Accordingly, with the assent of the Representative of Barbados, the Committee decided to maintain the three topics previously selected in order that the Directing Council may choose from among them the topic to be considered in the Technical Discussions at the XIX Pan American Sanitary Conference.

Annex
TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS
DISCUSIONES TECNICAS

Items Submitted by the Countries
Temas presentados por los países

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Malnutrición y enfermedades conexas

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