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VIII Meeting



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Topic 21: SELECTION OF TOPIC FOR TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS DURING THE  
X MEETING OF THE DIRECTING COUNCIL, IX MEETING OF THE  
REGIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHO (1957)

The Rules for Technical Discussions approved at the VIII Meeting of the Directing Council provide, in Article 1, that "the Pan American Sanitary Conference, or the Directing Council, as the case may be, shall select the topic for the technical discussions to be held during the ensuing meeting of the Council." Article 2 of the Rules further provides that the purpose of the discussions "shall be to deal with matters of regional interest related to the activities of the Pan American Sanitary Organization and the national public health administrations, the study of which may produce immediate and practical results." Article 3 provides that the technical discussions "shall be limited to one topic."

Attached for the information of the Directing Council is a list of the topics selected for technical discussions in past years (Annex I).

After making the selection of a topic, the Directing Council may wish to consider the following proposed resolution:

Proposed Resolution

The Directing Council,

Taking into account the terms of Articles 1, 2, and 3 of the Rules for Technical Discussions at Directing Council Meetings,

RESOLVES:

To select the following topic for the technical discussions to be held at the X Meeting of the Directing Council, IX Meeting of the Regional Committee of the World Health Organization:

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Annex I

Reference List

Topics Selected for Technical Discussions in Past Years

First Inter-American Congress of Public Health, following the VI Meeting of the Directing Council (1952):

- "Rural Sanitation"
- "Organization and Integration of Public Health Services"
  1. Recognition of the Public Health Career
  2. Adequate Remuneration and Full-Time Employment in the Public Health Career"
- "Recent Developments in Disease Treatment and Control"

(With symposiums on Yellow Fever, Public Health Education, Zoonoses, Tuberculosis, Maternal and Child Health; and round tables on Malaria, Chagas' Disease, Schistosomiasis, and Onchocerciasis)

VII Meeting of the Directing Council (1953):

- "Nutrition Programs in Public Health Services"

XIV Pan American Sanitary Conference (1954):

- "Methods of Improving the Reliability of Raw Statistical Data Required for Health Programs"
- "Control of Infant Diarrheas in the Light of Recent Scientific Progress"
- "Application of Health Education Methods in Rural Areas in Latin America"

VIII Meeting of the Directing Council (1955):

- "Methods of Improving the Education of Public Health Personnel"
- "Medical Care in Rural Areas"

IX Meeting of the Directing Council (1956):

- "Methods for the Preparation of National Public Health Plans"

The topics chosen for technical discussions at the World Health Assemblies are:

Fourth Assembly (1951):

- "The Education and Training of Medical and Public-Health Personnel"

Fifth Assembly (1952):

"The Economic Value of Preventive Medicine" and  
"The Methodology of Health Protection for Local  
Areas"

Sixth Assembly (1953):

Studies of methods of applying modern health  
techniques of a preventive and curative nature to  
give the most effective and economical results on  
a long-term program in relation to: (a) tuberculosis,  
(b) syphilis, and (c) the typhoid group of fevers.

Seventh Assembly (1954):

"Public Health Programmes in Rural Areas"

Eighth Assembly (1955):

"Public Health Programmes in Rural Areas" (continuation)

Ninth Assembly (1956):

"Nurses: their Education and their Role in  
Health Programmes"

Tenth Assembly (selected for discussion):

"The Role of the Hospital in the Public Health  
Programme"

Eleventh Assembly (selected for discussion):

"Health Education of the Public"