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Topic 27: INTER-AMERICAN CONGRESSES OF PUBLIC HEALTH

The XIV Pan American Sanitary Conference examined a proposal of the Government of Cuba which stated: "Considering that it is advantageous to keep abreast of developments in medical science in general and in auxiliary sciences and related fields insofar as they relate to public health practice, it is fitting to establish a scientific forum to be held regularly under the name ' Inter-American Congress of Public Health ' as a continuation of the Congress of that name first held in Havana in October 1952." The proposal suggested "that at the time the Pan American Conference of Public Health [Pan American Sanitary Conference] takes place the Inter-American Congress of Public Health ... hold an official meeting, which will be organized by the Pan American Office of Public Health [Pan-American Sanitary Bureau]" and "that when budgetary allotments are assigned for the Conference, the necessary funds ... be provided for the holding of the Inter-American Congress of Public Health."

The Conference, in Resolution XXXVI, decided "to postpone consideration of the proposal presented by the delegation of Cuba until the X Meeting of the Directing Council, scheduled for 1957." 1/

The Directing Council, at its X Meeting (Washington, D.C., September 1957), discussed this topic and adopted Resolution XVIII as follows:

"The Directing Council,

Bearing in mind the importance of scientific congresses in general and, particularly, those dealing with public health;

Considering the advisability of continuing to hold periodically public health congresses that will permit a review of the progress achieved in public health matters; and

1/ Official Document No. 14, pp. 279-281, 641.

Considering that the First Inter-American Congress of Public Health was held at Havana in October 1952 and that it is desirable to continue those congresses,

RESOLVES:

1. To affirm the advisability of organizing inter-American congresses of public health on a periodic basis.
2. To recommend that the XV Pan American Sanitary Conference decide upon the manner of holding, and the intervals between, such congresses."

In conformity with the above resolution of the X Meeting of the Directing Council, this topic is submitted to the XV Pan American Sanitary Conference for consideration.



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In conformity with Resolution XVIII of the X Meeting of the Directing Council, held in Washington, in which the advisability of organizing Inter-American Congresses of Public Health on a periodic basis was affirmed and the recommendation made that the XV Pan American Sanitary Conference should decide on the manner of holding, and the intervals between such Congresses.

The Delegation of Cuba, recognizing the importance of that resolution, which it supports wholeheartedly, requests the Conference to consider the advisability of reiterating, in an appropriate resolution, the desirability and importance of the Inter-American Congresses of Public Health and, at the same time, to state that such Pan American Congresses of Public Health are a scientific forum of very wide scope, in which much that can be applied in the field of public health administration in general will be brought forward.

These Congresses will be sponsored officially by the Pan American Sanitary Organization, which will be responsible for their organization under the following general rules:

1. The Pan American Congress of Public Health shall be considered a scientific unit, pre-eminently academic in character, and the Congress held in Havana in 1952 shall be considered as the first.

2. These Congresses shall be held periodically, every two years, to coincide with the meeting of the Directing Council of Pan American Sanitary Organization, and consequently they will meet in the same city as the Council.

3. The work of the Congresses will be organized in the form of round-table meetings at which the topics agreed upon by the Executive Committee of the Organization will be discussed fully, on the basis of introductory papers by a previously designated expert, or experts, of recognized ability.

4. The Congress will also hold plenary sessions, in accordance with the procedures determined by the Executive Committee of the Pan American Sanitary Organization.

5. Finally, the Pan American Congress of Public Health will meet for a maximum of three days of work.