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SELECTION OF THE TOPIC FOR THE TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS TO BE HELD AT THE
XXI MEETING OF THE DIRECTING COUNCIL, XXIV MEETING OF THE REGIONAL
COMMITTEE OF THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION FOR THE AMERICAS

The Directing Council has the responsibility of selecting the topic for the Technical Discussions to be held in 1972 at the XXI Meeting of the Directing Council, XXIV Meeting of the Regional Committee of the World Health Organization for the Americas.

A list of the topics of the Technical Discussions held since 1951 at the Pan American Sanitary Conference, the Directing Council, and the World Health Assembly 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 Technical Discussions of PAHO
II. Topics of Technical Discussions of WHO

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

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
- 1955 - Public Health Problems in Rural Areas
- 1956 - The Role of Nurses
- 1957 - The Role of the Hospital in the Public Health Program
- 1958 -
- 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 of a Universal Problem
- 1971 - Mass Health Examinations as a Public Health Tool
- 1972 - The Contribution of Health Programmes to Socio-economic Development

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REPORT OF THE WORKING GROUP CHARGED WITH PROPOSING
TOPICS TO THE DIRECTING COUNCIL FOR THE TECHNICAL
DISCUSSIONS WHICH WILL BE HELD IN 1972

On 5 October 1971, at 10:30 a.m., the Working Group composed of Dr. B.D.B. Layton (Canada), Dr. Bogoslav Juricic (Chile) and Dr. José Trinidad Uclés (Guatemala) met, pursuant to Rule 8 of the Rules for Technical Discussions, to prepare a list of topics for the Technical Discussions to be held in 1972 during the XXI Meeting of the Directing Council of PAHO, XXIV Meeting of the Regional Committee of WHO for the Americas.

After making a thorough examination of the topics proposed by the Governments for the Technical Discussions in 1972, the Group submits to the Directing Council the following three topics:

Present Status of Nutrition in the Americas

Mental Health and Drug Abuse

Community Health Services and Community Involvement

The Group wishes to recommend to the Directing Council that it include in the Agenda of the XXI Meeting of the Directing Council an item entitled "Possibilities for New Bacterial Vaccines," in view of the current importance of this subject.