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REPORT ON THE PAHO AWARD FOR ADMINISTRATION

The Award Committee of the PAHO Award for Administration met in Washington, D.C., on 24 and 25 June 1975 to consider the data on the candidates. After careful deliberation, the Award Committee unanimously decided to award the 1975 PAHO Award for Administration to Mr. Dennis Sánchez Acuña of Costa Rica, and informed the Executive Committee at its 74th Meeting of its decision.

The Executive Committee, in Resolution XXIII, took note of the decision of the Award Committee. The report of the Committee (Document CE74/4, ADD.) is annexed for the consideration of the Directing Council. After reviewing the report, the Directing Council may wish to consider a resolution along the following lines:

Proposed Resolution

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having considered the report of the Award Committee of the PAHO Award for Administration (Document CE74/4, ADD.); and

Bearing in mind the criteria for the Award,

RESOLVES:

To declare Mr. Dennis Sánchez Acuña of Costa Rica the winner of the 1975 PAHO Award for Administration.

Annex

executive committee of
the directing council

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ANNEX
working party of
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PAHO AWARD FOR ADMINISTRATION

Report of the Committee Appointed for the
PAHO Award for Administration

In pursuance of the decision taken by the Executive Committee at its 69th Meeting and of Paragraph A.7 of the Procedure for the Award of the PAHO Award for Administration, the members of the Award Committee, Dr. Raúl Charles León (Argentina), Dr. Luis Alberto Valle (Bolivia) and Dr. Gaston Deslouches (Haiti) met under the chairmanship of Dr. Gaston Deslouches on 24 and 25 June 1975 to consider the personal data on the candidates presented by the Governments of Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Mexico, and the United States of America, and to exchange expressions and formulate observations thereon. The basic documentation for this discussion had been duly sent to the members of the Award Committee in advance, as laid down in the relevant regulations.

The work of the Award Committee was extremely difficult in view of the high qualifications of the candidates presented by the Governments, as judged from their personal history data, the work they are scheduled to carry out on behalf of the health service administration in their respective countries, and the impressive publications and other documents submitted for examination.

Nevertheless the Award Committee, constantly bearing in mind the intentions of the sponsor of the Award and the criteria laid down for granting it, unanimously decided, at its meeting of 25 June, to award the "PAHO Award for Administration, 1975" to Mr. Dennis Sánchez Acuña, of Costa Rica, whose work within the field of administrative management in the health sector of his country was felt to be in closest conformity with the spirit that prompted the establishment of the Award.

Mr. Dennis Sánchez A., a graduate of the Economics Department of the Faculty of Economic Sciences of the University of Costa Rica, took part as an official of the National Planning Office of his Government in defining the items of administrative improvement required by the National Development Plan in the health sector.

Subsequently he assumed the responsibility of technical planner in the Sectoral Unit of the Ministry of Health, where he worked on health diagnosis formulation, distinguishing himself by his interest in ensuring that the administrative components to be used in improving the functioning of the institutions in the sector were duly identified.

He played an active part as a Ministry official at central level in advising the health institutions and establishments within the country. He also played a distinguished part in drawing up the National Health Program 1975-1978, particularly in regard to the methodology used for improving the development of administrative resources. No less important was his contribution to the preparation of material in support of the request for a credit from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) presented by the Costa Rican Social Security Fund to finance infrastructural work.