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### **ABRAHAM HORWITZ AWARD FOR INTER-AMERICAN HEALTH, 1999**

The Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau is pleased to announce that the Abraham Horwitz Award for Inter-American Health, 1999, will be presented during the 41st Directing Council to Dr. Rodrigo Fierro Benítez, of Ecuador. The Award is administered by the Pan American Health and Education Foundation (PAHEF).

PAHEF is collaborating partner of PAHO, incorporated as a legally independent, nongovernmental, tax-deductible organization under the laws of the District of Columbia (USA). It was created mainly to advance the fundamental objectives of the Pan American Health Organization, principally by mobilizing resources not directly available to PAHO and using them to finance health programs jointly with PAHO/WHO and by collaborating with the latter in project design and execution. PAHEF receives contributions from private foundations, companies, and individuals to finance a variety of health projects. PAHEF also provides the capital for a joint program with PAHO for textbooks and instructional materials for health personnel at all levels, deriving its funds from two Inter-American Development Bank loans for this purpose. PAHEF is governed by a 14-member Board of Trustees.

PAHEF has established bylaws to "govern and guide the use of a fund contributed by friends of Dr. Abraham Horwitz, Director Emeritus of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, to recognize his outstanding contribution to health in the Americas by periodically presenting an award or sponsoring a scientific conference."

According to the bylaws, "the fund will be administered by the Pan American Health and Education Foundation (PAHEF), which will receive voluntary contributions and hold them in a special fund for purposes of the award. There will be an Awards Committee consisting of five members, including two designated by the Director of PASB and three selected by the Board of Trustees of PAHEF, which will also designate the Chairman."

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Each year, ministers of health, staff members of PAHO, and friends of PAHO and PAHEF are invited to submit their nominations of an individual or a group of persons for scientific or pedagogic achievement in any field of health, with emphasis on the effect on inter-American health rather than on a single country. The Awards Committee makes a recommendation to the Board of Trustees for its approval. To the extent possible, the date and place of the award ceremony coincides with that of the session of the PAHO Directing Council or the Pan American Sanitary Conference, and the President of the Governing Body is invited to preside and present the award. The awardee is expected to give a lecture.

The first award was given in September 1978 during the 20th Pan American Sanitary Conference in Grenada.

#### *Previous Award Winners*

Drs. Carlos and Elisa Ponce	1998
Dr. Gabriel Velázquez Palau	1997
Dr. José Renán Esquivel	1996
Dr. Jorge Mardones Restat	1995
Mr. Humberto Romero Alvarez	1994
Dr. Plutarco Naranjo	1993
Dr. Elsa Segura	1992
Dr. Guillermo Soberón	1991
Dr. Ricardo Bressani	1990
Dr. Jacinto Convit	1989
Sir Kenneth L. Standard	1988
Dr. Mario Chaves	1987
Dr. Boris Szyfres	1986
Drs. Ruth and Víctor Nussenzweig	1985
Dr. Roberto Caldeyro-Barcia	1984
Dr. Martin M. Cummings	1983
Dr. Inés Durana	1982
Dr. Luis Wannoni L.	1981
Dr. Hernando Groot	1980
Dr. Fernando Monckeberg	1979
Dr. Ruth Puffer	1978