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**ABRAHAM HORWITZ AWARD
FOR INTER-AMERICAN HEALTH, 2001**

The Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau is pleased to announce that the Abraham Horwitz Award for Inter-American Health, 2001, will be presented during the 43rd Directing Council to Prof. Ruy Laurenti of Brazil. The Award, which is administered by the Pan American Health and Education Foundation, recognizes and stimulates excellence and leadership in health among persons working in the Americas and persons who produce ideas and work of regional significance.

The Pan American Health and Education Foundation is a public, nonprofit foundation based in Washington, D.C., which is dedicated to improving the health of the people of the Americas. The Foundation raises, manages, and distributes funds for a variety of public health initiatives which support the mission and objectives of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), Regional Office for the Americas of the World Health Organization (WHO). The Foundation works to combat disease, lengthen life, elevate nutrition levels, and improve the environment, particularly water quality and accessibility, in Latin America and the Caribbean. In addition, the Foundation promotes the education and training of physicians and allied health workers through the publication of medical textbooks, health and pharmacological bulletins, and continuing education materials. The Foundation is governed by a 14-member independent Board of Trustees.

Winners of the Abraham Horwitz Award have had outstanding lifetime careers in medicine and/or public health, demonstrating impact on the lives and health of the peoples of Latin America and the Caribbean. They are selected by a committee that consists of five members, including two designated by the Director of PASB and three selected by the Foundation's Board of Trustees, from a group of distinguished professionals nominated by ministers of health and staff members, collaborating partners, and friends of PAHO and the Foundation.

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*Previous Winners of the
Abraham Horwitz Award*

Dr. Abraham Sonis	Argentina	2000
Dr. Rodrigo Fierro Benítez	Ecuador	1999
Drs. Carlos and Elisa Ponce	Honduras	1998
Dr. Gabriel Velázquez Palau	Colombia	1997
Dr. José Renán Esquivel	Panama	1996
Dr. Jorge Mardones Restat	Chile	1995
Mr. Humberto Romero Álvarez	Mexico	1994
Dr. Plutarco Naranjo	Ecuador	1993
Dr. Elsa Segura	Argentina	1992
Dr. Guillermo Soberón	Mexico	1991
Dr. Ricardo Bressani	Guatemala	1990
Dr. Jacinto Convit	Venezuela	1989
Sir Kenneth L. Standard	Jamaica	1988
Dr. Mario Chaves	Brazil	1987
Dr. Boris Szyfres	Argentina	1986
Drs. Ruth and Víctor Nussenzweig	Brazil	1985
Dr. Roberto Caldeyro-Barcia	Uruguay	1984
Dr. Martin M. Cummings	United States	1983
Dr. Inés Durana	Colombia	1982
Dr. Luis Wannoni L.	Venezuela	1981
Dr. Hernando Groot	Colombia	1980
Dr. Fernando Monckeberg	Chile	1979
Dr. Ruth Puffer	United States	1978