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MANUEL VELASCO SUÁREZ AWARD IN BIOETHICS, 2004

1. The Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau and the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Pan American Health and Education Foundation are pleased to announce that the 2004 Manuel Velasco Suárez Award in Bioethics will be presented for the third time during the 45th Directing Council of the Pan American Health Organization to Dr. María Graciela de Ortúzar of Argentina. The award stimulates young scholars in the development of their capacities for bioethical analysis. The Pan American Health and Education Foundation and the Secretary of Health of Mexico, in cooperation with PAHO, created this award to honor Dr. Manuel Velasco Suárez, a physician, researcher, scholar and founder of the National Institute of Neurology and Neurosurgery and of the Mexican National Bioethics Commission. His long-time commitment to research and teaching and his deep interest in the furtherance of knowledge justify that this award bears his name.

2. The Foundation is an independent philanthropic organization that works in partnership with PAHO/WHO to combat disease, lengthen life, improve health care services, foster health research, and enhance the capacities of health care workers in the Americas through grant-making and direct program implementation. It promotes philanthropy as a core social value. The Foundation also supports the education and training of physicians and allied health workers through the publication of medical textbooks and continuing education materials. Its fund-raising efforts and programs are making a difference in the lives of the peoples of Latin America and the Caribbean. A 16-member independent Board of Trustees governs the Foundation.

3. The winner of the Manuel Velasco Suárez Bioethics Award is a young scholar or researcher whose work demonstrates achievement and potential developments in the field of basic or applied bioethics. The winner is 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. Nominations are received from ministers of health, leaders

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in bioethics world wide, PAHO staff members, collaborating partners, and friends of PAHO and the Foundation.

Previous Winners of the Velasco Suárez Award

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| Dr. Rosa Angelina Pace | Argentina | 2003 |
| Dr. Debora Diniz | Brazil | 2002 |

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