

PAN AMERICAN SANITARY ORGANIZATION

Executive Committee

Report of the Third Meeting

Buenos Aires, Argentina, October 2, 1947

The Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau convened a Meeting of the new Executive Committee of the Directing Council of the Pan American Sanitary Organization, which was attended by Representatives of the following countries: Brazil - Dr. Heitor Prager Fróes; Costa Rica - Dr. Enrique Miguel Olivieri (alternate); Cuba - Dr. Luis Espinosa; México - Dr. Ignacio Morones Prieto; United States - Dr. Thomas Farran (Dr. James A. Doull (alternate); Uruguay - Dr. Enrique Claveaux (Dr. Ricardo Cappeletti, alternate); and Venezuela - Dr. Alfredo Arreaza Guzmán. The Pan American Sanitary Bureau was represented by its Director, Dr. Fred L. Soper.

Dr. Fróes (Brazil) was elected Chairman of the Meeting, and the following action was approved:

Appointment of Assistant Director and Secretary General. In accordance with Article 5B of the Constitution, Dr. Soper submitted for approval his appointments of Dr. John R. Murdock and Dr. Miguel E. Bustamante as Assistant Director and Secretary General, respectively, of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau. Both appointments were approved unanimously, although Dr. Arreaza, seconded by Dr. Morones Prieto upheld the principle that, in general, the Assistant Director should not be of the same nationality as the Director. Dr. Claveaux, seconded by Dr. Arreaza, moved that Dr. Vargas be thanked for his work, interest and dedication throughout the conferences.

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Transfer of Budget Funds from One Item to Another. Dr. Soper referred to a resolution approved by the Directing Council providing that the transfer of funds from one item to another of the first year budget be subject to approval of the Executive Committee. In the interest of greater flexibility during the reorganization period, and to make possible the immediate initiation of programs, such as the plan for the continental eradication of Aedes aegypti, which was approved by the Directing Council but not included in the budget, Dr. Soper requested authority to employ budget funds, as the need arises, for authorized activities. At the proposal of Dr. Arreaza, this authority was granted, with the stipulation that the Director present to the Executive Committee at its following Meeting a detailed report and budget of activities not specified in the approved budget, and the additional proviso, proposed by the Director himself, that no programs entailing substantial expenditures be entered into before the following Meeting of the Committee except after consultation of its members individually.

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Permanent Basis for Maintenance of the PASB. The Chair submitted

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for discussion the recommendation of the Directing Council that a committee be appointed "to study a plan for obtaining funds for the purpose of ensuring a solid basis and a permanent character to the normal development of the activities of the Bureau". At the suggestion of Dr. Morones Prieto, it was decided that, inasmuch as it was too late to formulate a budget for 1948, the study of this problem be entrusted individually to the members of the Executive Committee in order that each might report to the following Meeting of the Committee, which would thus be in a position to prepare a more comprehensive and better considered report to the Directing Council.

Date of the Next Meeting. After due discussion, it was decided to convene the next Meeting of the Executive Committee in Washington during the week commencing Monday, May 3, 1948, in order that Representatives might, if they so wish, attend the IV International Congresses of Tropical Medicine and Malaria, also to take place in Washington, from May 10-18, 1948.

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