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PAHO AWARD FOR ADMINISTRATION

In accordance with the amendment approved by the XIX Pan American Sanitary Conference, the PAHO Award for Administration for the year 1975 and thereafter will be made to the candidate or candidates outstanding not only for their work in administration, but also for publications on administration of the health sector.

Paragraph 7 of the procedure stipulates that "The Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau shall send copies of the documentation submitted to the Members of the Award Committee thirty (30) days before the date of the opening of the first annual meeting of the Executive Committee so that the Award Committee can meet and decide on the Award during the meeting of the Executive Committee."

The Director is sending copies of documentation presented by the countries to all members of the Award Committee.

Members of the Award Committee will meet to decide on the Award during the meeting of the Executive Committee.



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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.