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SELECTION OF THE TOPIC FOR THE TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS TO BE HELD DURING
THE XIX PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE, XXVI MEETING OF THE REGIONAL
COMMITTEE OF WHO FOR THE AMERICAS

The Directing Council has the responsibility of selecting the topic for the Technical Discussions to be held in 1974 at the XIX Pan American Sanitary Conference, XXVI Meeting of the Regional Committee of the World Health Organization for the Americas.

A list of the topics of the PAHO and WHO Technical Discussions since 1951 is attached for the information of the Council.

The procedure for selecting topics for the Technical Discussions is defined in Rules 7 and 8 of the Rules for Technical Discussions, as follows:

Rule 7. The Technical Discussions shall deal with only one subject, which shall be selected each year at the meeting of the Conference or the Directing Council preceding that at which the Technical Discussions are to be held. The Governments and the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau shall be entitled to suggest subjects either prior to those meetings or in the course of them. The Bureau shall inform the Governments of the Organization of the subjects proposed. Both the Conference and the Council shall be entitled to delegate the selection of subjects to the Executive Committee.

Rule 8. The subjects proposed shall be submitted to a working group appointed by the President of the Conference or the Council, as the case may be, which shall be responsible for hearing the proponents and preparing a list of not more than three subjects for submission to the appropriate plenary session.

- Annexes: I. Topics of PAHO Technical Discussions
II. Topics of WHO Technical Discussions

TOPICS OF TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS

Pan American Health Organization

1953 - Directing Council

Nutrition Programs in Public Health Services

1954 - Pan American Sanitary Conference

1. Methods of Improving the Reliability of Raw Statistical Data Required for Health Programs
2. Control of Infant Diarrheas in the Light of Recent Scientific Progress
3. Application of Health Education Methods in Rural Areas in Latin America

1955 - Directing Council

1. Methods of Improving the Education of Public Health Personnel
2. Medical Care in Rural Areas

1956 - Directing Council

Methods for the Preparation of National Public Health Plans

1957 - Directing Council

Bases and Methods for the Evaluation of Health Programs

1958 - Pan American Sanitary Conference

The Prevention of Accidents in Childhood

1959 - Directing Council

Technical, Financial, and Administrative Aspects of Water Supply in the Urban Environment in the Americas

1960 - Directing Council

Technical, Administrative, Legal, and Financial Aspects of Garbage and Refuse Disposal

TOPICS OF TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS

Pan American Health Organization (cont.)

1961 - Directing Council

Methods of Evaluation of the Contribution of Health Programs
to Economic Development

1962 - Pan American Sanitary Conference

The Present Status of Medical Care in the Americas in Relation
to its Incorporation as a Basic Service in Integrated Health
Programs

1963 - Directing Council

Ideas for the Formulation of a Plan for the Control of Gastro-
intestinal Diseases, including Environmental Sanitation Measures,
Epidemiology, Health Education, and Early Diagnoses and Treatment

1964 - Directing Council

Tuberculosis Eradication: A Task for Present Planning and
Future Action

1965 - Directing Council

Methods of Improving Vital and Health Statistics

1966 - Pan American Sanitary Conference

Means for Promoting and Making Effective the Coordination
between the Services and Programs of Ministries of Health,
Social Security Institutes, and Other Institutions that
Conduct Activities Related to Health

1967 - Directing Council

Methods of Increasing Health Services Coverage in Rural Areas

1968 - Directing Council

Participation of the Health Sector in Population Policy

TOPICS OF TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS

Pan American Health Organization (cont.)

1969 - Directing Council

Financing of the Health Sector

1970 - Pan American Sanitary Conference

Venereal Diseases as a National and International
Health Problem

1971 - Directing Council

Environmental Pollution

1972 - (Postponed until 1973)

1973 - Directing Council

Community Health Services and Community Involvement

TOPICS OF TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS

World Health Organization

- 1951 - The Education and Training of Medical and Public Health Personnel
- 1952 - a) The Economic Value of Preventive Medicine
b) The Methodology of Health Promotion of Local Areas
- 1953 - Methods of Applying Modern Health Techniques of a Preventive and Curative Nature to Give the Most Effective and Economical Results of a Long-term Program in Relation to the Following Communicable Diseases: a) Tuberculosis, b) Syphilis, c) Typhoid Group of Fevers
- 1954 - Public Health Problems in Rural Areas
- 1955 - Public Health Problems in Rural Areas
- 1956 - The Role of Nurses
- 1957 - The Role of the Hospital in the Public Health Program
- 1958 -
- 1959 - Health Education of the Public
- 1960 - The Role of Immunization in Communicable Diseases Control
- 1961 - Recent Advances in Tuberculosis Control
- 1962 - Mental Health Programs in Public Health Planning
- 1963 - Education and Training of the Physician for the Preventive and Social Aspects of Clinical Practice
- 1964 - The Influence of Community Water Supply Programs on Health and Social Progress
- 1965 - Health Planning
- 1966 - The Collection and Use of Health Statistics in National and Local Health Services
- 1967 - The Challenge to Public Health of Urbanization
- 1968 - National and Global Surveillance of Communicable Diseases

TOPICS OF TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS

World Health Organization (cont.)

- 1969 - The Application of Evolving Technology to Meet the Health Needs of People
- 1970 - Education for the Health Professionals - Regional Aspects Aspects of a Universal Problem
- 1971 - Mass Health Examinations as a Public Health Tool
- 1972 - The Contribution of Health Programmes to Socio-economic Development
- 1973 - Organization, Structure and Functioning of the Health Services and Modern Methods of Administrative Management
- 1974 - The Role of the Health Services in Preserving or Restoring the Full Effectiveness of the Human Environment in the Promotion of Health
- 1975 - Social and Health Aspects of Sexually Transmitted Diseases: Need for a Better Approach



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REPORT OF THE WORKING GROUP FOR THE SELECTION OF THE TOPIC FOR THE
TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS TO BE HELD AT THE XIX PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE

The Working Group composed of Dr. Abelardo Sáenz Sanguinetti (Uruguay), Dr. Miguel Angel Aguilar Oliva (El Salvador) and Dr. Jeffrey Wilson (Jamaica) carefully reviewed the list of topics suggested by the Representatives of Member Countries on the Directing Council. Fourteen topics in all had been suggested, and among these the one concerning "the problem of enteric infections" had been supported by 10 countries while the others were mentioned by only one country each. The Working Group, bearing in mind that some of the topics proposed are covered by the programs of the Organization or have been partially dealt with in previous technical discussions, decided to choose from among the topics proposed, as being of the greatest interest and topicality, those concerned with mental health and drug dependence in the Americas.

The Working Group accordingly submits to the Directing Council for consideration and for its final selection the following three topics:

Studies and strategies necessary to reduce morbidity
and mortality from enteric infections (10 votes)

Mental health in public health programs (1 vote)

Drug dependence and abuse in the Americas (1 vote)

TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS
DISCUSIONES TECNICAS

Temas presentados por los países
Items submitted by the countries

Maternal and Child Health Salud Maternoinfantil	BOLIVIA
Preparation and Utilization of Human Resources for the Expansion of Health Services in Rural Areas A Preparacao e Utilizacao de Recursos Humanos para a Expansao dos Servicos de Saúde em Áreas Rurais	BRAZIL
Enteric infections Infecciones entéricas	COLOMBIA
Studies and Strategies necessary to Reduce Morbidity and Mortality from Enteric Infections (proposed by 4 countries) Estudios y estrategias necesarios para reducir la morbilidad y mortalidad por infecciones entéricas	COSTA RICA
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Environmental Health in Rural Areas Saneamiento del medio ambiente en el medio rural	ECUADOR
Study and Strategy to reduce Morbidity and Mortality from Diarrheas Estudio y estrategia para reducir morbimortalidad por diarreas	EL SALVADOR
Development of Mental Health Activities Developpement de actions de santé mentale	FRANCE
Measures to Combat Gastroenteritis Medidas para disminuir la morbimortalidad por la Gastroenteritis	GUATEMALA
Organization and Management of Health Services Organización y Administración de los Servicios de Salud	GUYANA
Measures to Combat Gastroenteritis Medidas para la lucha contra la Gastroenteritis	HONDURAS
Tuberculosis: Diagnóstico, métodos de lucha; incorporación a los Servicios Generales de Salud Tuberculosis: Diagnóstico, métodos de lucha; incorporación a los Servicios Generales de Salud	GUATEMALA

TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS (cont.)
DISCUSIONES TECNICAS (cont.)

Community Involvement in Public Health Work Participación de la comunidad en los servicios de salud pública	JAMAICA
<u>Aedes aegypti</u> eradication Erradicación del <u>Aedes aegypti</u>	KINGDOM OF THE NETHERLANDS
Diarrheas Diarreas	MEXICO
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Water-borne Diseases in Latin America Enfermedades de origen hídrico en América Latina	PANAMA
National Plans for the Prevention of Traffic Accidents Planes nacionales para prevención de accidentes de tránsito	PERU
Population Dynamics (Family Planning) Dinámica de la Población (Planificación Familiar)	ST. VINCENT (U.K.)
Drug Dependence and Abuse in the Americas Farmacodependencia en las Américas	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Cancer as a Public Health Problem El cáncer como problema de salud pública	URUGUAY
Current Status of Preventive Vaccination in the Present and Future Public Health Situation of the Americas Estado actual de las vacunaciones preventivas en el panorama actual y de futuro de la salud pública de las Américas	URUGUAY
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SECOND REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO SELECT THE TOPIC FOR THE TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS

The Committee to select the topic for the Technical Discussions, consisting of Dr. Abelardo Sáenz Sanguinetti (Uruguay) and Dr. Miguel Angel Aguilar (El Salvador) - Dr. Jeffrey Wilson of Jamaica being absent - met with the Representative of Barbados to conduct a review of the topics proposed by the countries, including Barbados, in the field of "Malnutrition and Related Diseases."

Agreement was reached as to the importance of malnutrition in the Americas, but it was nevertheless recognized that on this topic various meetings have been held which have established a clearly defined policy for the Organization in the sphere of food and nutrition.

As regards diseases related to malnutrition, these are closely connected with enteric diseases, which was one of the topics selected by the Committee.

Accordingly, with the assent of the Representative of Barbados, the Committee decided to maintain the three topics previously selected in order that the Directing Council may choose from among them the topic to be considered in the Technical Discussions at the XIX Pan American Sanitary Conference.

Annex

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