

53rd DIRECTING COUNCIL

66th SESSION OF THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE OF WHO FOR THE AMERICAS

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ELECTION OF TWO MEMBERS TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN CENTER ON HEALTH SCIENCES INFORMATION (BIREME)

1. Article VI of the Statute of the Latin American and Caribbean Center on Health Sciences Information (BIREME),¹ approved by the 49th Directing Council of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) (CD49.R5 [2009]), establishes that the Advisory Committee of BIREME shall be made up of one member appointed by the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau (the Bureau) and another appointed by the Government of Brazil as permanent members, and that five members shall be selected and named by the Directing Council or the Pan American Sanitary Conference of PAHO on a rotating basis from among the BIREME membership (which currently includes all of the Member States, Participating States and Associate Members of PAHO), taking geographical representation into account.
2. The BIREME Advisory Committee is charged, among other duties, with making recommendations to the Director of the Bureau regarding the programmatic functions of BIREME, based on PAHO's Strategic Plan and Technical Cooperation Work Plan and on recommendations from the Members of BIREME's Scientific Committee (Article VI, 4[a]).²
3. The 49th Directing Council named the five nonpermanent members of BIREME's first Advisory Committee (CD49.R6 [2009]). The 51st Directing Council (2011) and the 28th Pan American Sanitary Conference (2012) elected the subsequent members. The following list includes the dates on which the current members' terms expire:

¹ BIREME is PAHO's Pan American center devoted to providing technical cooperation to the Region of the Americas in the area of health sciences information and communications.

² CD49/17 (2009), Annex A.

Nonpermanent Members (3-year terms):

<i>Country</i>	<i>End of Term</i>
Cuba	December 2015
Ecuador	December 2015
Puerto Rico	December 2015
Bolivia	December 2014
Suriname	December 2014

4. The 53rd Directing Council is responsible for electing two nonpermanent members of the BIREME Advisory Committee to replace Bolivia and Suriname, whose terms on the Committee will expire at the end of 2014. Nonpermanent members of BIREME's Advisory Committee must be rotated every three years.

5. Once the two new members have been elected, the Council is requested to consider the advisability of adopting the proposed resolution in the Annex.

Annex



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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

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THE 53RD DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Bearing in mind that Article VI of the Statute of BIREME establishes that the Advisory Committee of BIREME is to be comprised of one representative appointed by the Director of PASB and one by the Government of Brazil as permanent members, and that five nonpermanent members are to be selected and named by the Directing Council or the Pan American Sanitary Conference of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) from among the BIREME membership (which at this time includes all PAHO Member States, Participating States, and Associated States), taking geographical representation into account;

Recalling that Article VI further states that the five nonpermanent members of the BIREME Advisory Committee should be rotated every three years, and that the Directing Council or the Pan American Sanitary Conference of PAHO may indicate a shorter rotation period in cases where it is necessary to maintain balance among members of the Advisory Committee;

Considering that _____ and _____ were elected to serve on the BIREME Advisory Committee beginning 1 January 2015, due to the expiration of the term of Bolivia and Suriname,

RESOLVES:

1. To declare _____ and _____ elected as nonpermanent members of the BIREME Advisory Committee for a three-year term.
2. To thank Bolivia and Suriname for the services provided to the Organization by their delegates on the BIREME Advisory Committee over the past two years.

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