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Article 7 of the Rules for Technical Discussions at meetings of the Pan American Sanitary Conference and of the Directing Council provides that:

"The Conference or the Council, as the case may be, shall each year select the topic or topics for the Technical Discussions to be held during the ensuing meeting of either of these two Governing Bodies. The Member Governments and the Director of the Bureau may propose topics prior to those meetings or in the course of them. The Conference or the Council may delegate the selection of topics to the Executive Committee."

The XVI Pan American Sanitary Conference is therefore required to select the topic for the Technical Discussions to be held in 1963 at the XIV Meeting of the Directing Council, XV Meeting of the Regional Committee of the World Health Organization for the Americas.

A list of the topics of the Technical Discussions held since 1951 at the Pan American Sanitary Conference, the Meetings of the Directing Council, or the World Health Assembly is attached for the information of the Conference.

Annex: Topics of 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

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

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 on 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 Programme
- 1958 -
- 1959 - Health Education of the Public
- 1960 - The Role of Immunization in Communicable Disease Control
- 1961 - Recent Advances in Tuberculosis Control
- 1962 - Mental Health Programmes in Public Health Planning

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Report of the Working Party

The Working Party composed of Dr. Alfred Augustus Peat of Jamaica, Dr. F. García Sánchez of Mexico, and Dr. Demetrio Castillo of Venezuela, which was appointed by Committee I to accept proposals on subjects for the Technical Discussions to be held at the next meeting of the Directing Council, met on 1 September and elected Dr. Peat, Chairman.

The Working Party has received several proposals on possible subjects for the forthcoming Technical Discussions. They are all of such broad scope and obvious importance in public health that the Working Party has found it impossible to make an impartial selection of a single item to put forward as a concrete proposal, and for that reason it wishes to present the following list:

1. Mental Health within the framework of public health programs, proposed by the Delegation of Mexico.
2. Heart Disease and Cancer within the framework of public health programs, proposed by the Delegations of Venezuela and Jamaica.
3. Ideas for the Formulation of a Plan for the Control of Gastrointestinal Diseases, including Environmental Sanitation measures, Epidemiology, Health Education, and Early Diagnosis and Treatment, proposed by the Delegation of Chile.
4. The Delegation of Argentina proposed the following two items:
 1. Chagas' Disease - existing problems
 2. Nutrition - current problems in the Americas.

Further, since the Working Party has reason to believe that some Delegations may wish to propose other equally important and meaningful items, it has decided to refrain from making a specific recommendation.

The Working Party wishes to thank the Committee for its expression of confidence.

Minneapolis, 1 September 1962