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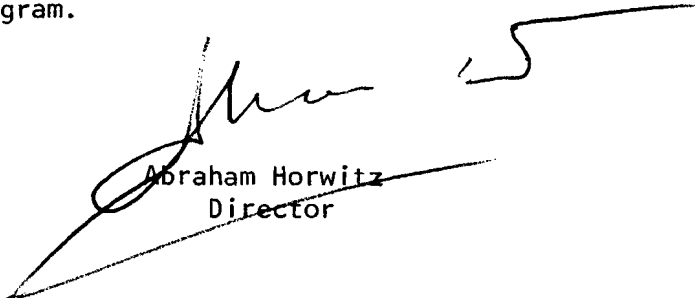
FOREWORD

In 1961 the Pan American Health Organization established a then quite modest program to support research in biomedical areas of significance to Latin America. In the past 13 years the program has appreciably expanded, both in the size of its financial support and in areas of investigative interest. Much of this expansion may be traced to the increasing interest in biomedical research of the governments of Latin America and the Caribbean, which are becoming ever more aware that the future welfare of their peoples rests on scientific and technologic advances. The development of an adequate research infrastructure has therefore become of great importance in the Americas, and the Organization is pleased that it has been able to further that development.

In addition to advising the governments of the Hemisphere on national research efforts and supporting an increasing number of independent investigators and research teams, the Organization also conducts its own research program. It supports a network of research centers concerned with biomedical problems such as the zoonoses, foot-and-mouth disease, perinatology, nutrition, and health planning, operates a rapidly expanding Regional Library of Medicine and the Health Sciences to coordinate and strengthen the provision of bibliographic and audiovisual materials to the Hemisphere's health workers, two centers on the technology of education in health, sponsors scientific meetings and conferences that present invaluable opportunities for exchanges among specialists in specific fields, and undertakes a sizable scientific publishing program.

The Organization believes, as reflected in the following pages, that it has contributed to foster new knowledge in the health sciences; it also believes that much remains to be done. Thus, in the years ahead, it will give particular attention to priority areas, including the administration and delivery of health services as a system, Chagas' disease, mycotic infections, tuberculosis, venereal diseases, heart disease and cancer, environmental problems, and human reproduction and development.

This volume, compiled by the Department of Research Development and Coordination, summarizes the information available on 154 projects which the Organization is now sponsoring and provides a panoramic view of our research program.



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