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42ND SESSION OF THE

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON HEALTH RESEARCH (ACHR)

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. 13 to15 April 2008

AGENDA

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Dear Colleagues:

The upcoming meeting of the Advisory Committee on Health Research (ACHR) will include an open discussion on the Organization's proposed research policy and provide an update on the status of the research promotion and development activities of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO).

Objectives:

- Discuss the proposed PAHO research policy with ACHR members and other collaborators.
- Bring the ACHR and other participants up to date on the progress and implementation of PAHO's technical cooperation projects and activities in health research and alignment with the World Health Organization (WHO).
- Inform the ACHR about the current vision of the research policy development and consultation process and the ACHR's role in it.
- Promote a constructive dialogue among participants and the exchange of information surrounding the ACHR.

Location:

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Note: An outbreak of dengue in Río de Janeiro has been reported. It is very likely that vector density in the city has been reduced to low levels by now, thanks to the wide-scale vector control measures that have been implemented. Although people in hotels with air conditioning are well protected, we strongly recommend the use of insect repellents, especially if you are going out in the morning, late afternoon, or early evening (*Aedes* mosquitoes bite most frequently from 7.00 to 10.00 hrs. and 16.00 to 20.00 hrs). The most effective of the recommended repellents contain DEET, IR3535 or icaridin. When applied to the skin, they confer protection for 6 to 8 hours (3 hours when exercising). DEET-based commercial products usually have a 20% concentration.

42nd Meeting of the Advisory Committee on Health Research (ACHR)

Agenda

Sunday, 13 April (Time in 24:00 format)

19:00 – 20:00	**Opening Session (Ipanema Room)**
	Welcoming remarks from the Pan American Health Organization's Representative in Brazil **Mr. Diego Victoria**
	Remarks from the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau (Regional Office for the Americas of WHO) **Dr. Mirta Roses Periago**
	Remarks from the President of the Advisory Committee on Health Research of PAHO/WHO (ACHR) **Dr. John Lavis**
	Remarks from the Secretary of Science, Technology, and Strategic Inputs of the Ministry of Health **Dr. Reinaldo Guimarães**
20:00 – 21:00	**Welcoming reception (Ipanema Room)**

Monday 14 April (Time in 24:00 format)

08:30 – 08:40	Welcome, announcements on logistical matters, and agenda **Dr. Luis Gabriel Cuervo,** Team Leader, Research Promotion and Development, PAHO/WHO, and ACHR Secretary
08:40 – 09:00	Introduction of participants **Dr. John Lavis,** ACHR President
09:00 – 09:40	Presentation of agenda and PAHO's work in research promotion and development **Dr. Luis Gabriel Cuervo,** ACHR Secretary
09:40 – 10:00	Vision of the development of PAHO's research policy **Dr. Mirta Roses,** Director, Pan American Sanitary Bureau (Regional Office for the Americas of WHO)
10:00 – 10:15	Discussion

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Monday 14 April: **Continued** (Start: 08:30, Time in 24:00 format)

10:15 – 10:30	*Coffee break*
10:30 – 10:45	Summary of 49th Session of WHO's Advisory Committee on Health Research and discussion on the development of WHO's research strategy Led by **Dr. John Lavis,** President ACHR
10:45 – 12:30	Research policy: deliberations and recommendations on Item 1 (Rationale) and its compliance with the mandates, vision, mission, principles, and work plan. Led by Dr. **John Lavis,** President ACHR
12:30 – 14:00	*Group luncheon*
14:00 – 15:30	Research policy: deliberations and recommendations on Item 2 (Research in PAHO and the Americas) Led by Dr. **John Lavis,** President ACHR
15:30 – 15:45	*Coffee break*
15:45 – 17:30	Research policy: deliberations and recommendations on Item 3 (Implementation Strategies) Led by Dr. **John Lavis,** President ACHR
17:30 - 18:00	Summary of the day and closing remarks **Dr. Mirta Roses,** Director PASB (AMRO) **Dr. John Lavis,** President ACHR

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Tuesday, 15 April (Start 08:30, Time in 24:00 format)

08:30 – 08:40	Presentation on the working group methodology **Dr. John Lavis,** President ACHR
08:40 – 10:15	Working groups review general aspects, proposals for policy implementation and assessment Led by Dr. **John Lavis,** President ACHR
10:15 – 10:30	*Coffee break*
10:30 – 12:30	Summary of working group discussions, followed by deliberations Led by Dr. **John Lavis,** President ACHR
12:30 – 14:00	*Luncheon*
14:00 – 14:30	Progress Report by the ACHR Secretariat: Some Developments since November 2007 (10 min. each): · EVIPNet (Dr. Analía Porrás) · Improving the Development of Guidelines (Dr. María Luisa Clark, Dr. Luis Gabriel Cuervo) · Intellectual Property and Research (Dr. José Luis Di Fabio)
14:30 – 15:30	Research policy: summary of comments for drafting the recommendations of the 42nd Session of the ACHR Led by Dr. **John Lavis,** President ACHR
15:30 – 15:45	*Coffee break*
15:45 – 16:45	Research policy in Brazil and its impact **Dr. Reinaldo Guimarães,** Secretary of Science, Technology, and Strategic Inputs of the Ministry of Health
16:45 – 18:00	Presentation of conclusions for review and approval, and closure **Dr. John Lavis,** President ACHR **Dr. Mirta Roses,** Director PASB (AMRO)

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