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REPORT OF THE AWARD COMMITTEE OF THE PAHO AWARD FOR ADMINISTRATION, 1993

## Proposed Revision of Monetary Award

The PAHO Award for Administration was established in 1969 at the 69th Meeting of the Executive Committee. Dr. Stuart Portner, a former Chief of Administration of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, had made a generous grant to PAHO instituting an award to improve administrative management in the health systems of the Americas. The Committee resolved to establish an annual award of US\$400, and charged the Director of the Bureau with proposing conditions and criteria for the Award. These criteria were finally approved at the XVIII Pan American Sanitary Conference in 1970.

New, revised criteria for the Award were approved by the XX Meeting of the Directing Council in 1971, and by the XX Pan American Sanitary Conference in 1978. The XX Conference approved, among other things, to increase the Award to \$500. It has remained at that level for the past 15 years. Inflation during this period has rendered the sum of \$500 out of step with even the cost of attending a meeting of the Directing Council or the Conference to receive the Award. It is therefore proposed that the amount of the Award be raised to \$5,000.

With the above in mind, the Directing Council might wish to consider a resolution along the following lines:

## **Proposed Resolution**

## PAHO AWARD FOR ADMINISTRATION

The XXXVII Meeting of the Directing Council,

Considering that the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau has recommended to increase the cash value of the PAHO Award for Administration to US\$5,000; and

Bearing in mind the necessity that the Award reflect the importance of individual excellence in the administration of public health systems,

## **RESOLVES:**

- 1. To increase the cash value of the PAHO Award for Administration to US\$5,000, starting with the 1993 Award.
- 2. To request the Director to include the sum of \$5,000 annually for this Award in the program budget.