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### **MANUEL VELASCO SUÁREZ BIOETHICS AWARD 2002**

The Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau (PASB) and the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Pan American Health and Education Foundation are pleased to announce that the Manuel Velasco Suárez Bioethics Award, 2002, will be presented for the first time during the 26<sup>th</sup> Pan American Sanitary Conference. The Award is intended to stimulate young scholars in the development of their capacities for bioethical analysis. The Pan American Health and Education Foundation, in cooperation with the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), has created the Manuel Velasco Suárez Award in Bioethics, in honor of Manuel Velasco Suárez, Mexican physician, researcher, scholar and founder of the National Institute of Neurology and Neurosurgery, and of the Mexican National Bioethics Commission. His long-time commitment to research and teaching and his deep interest in the furtherance of knowledge justify that this award bears his name

The Pan American Health and Education Foundation is a public, nonprofit foundation based in Washington, D.C., which is dedicated to improving the health of the people of the Americas. The Foundation works in partnership with PAHO/WHO to combat disease, lengthen life, elevate nutrition levels, and improve the environment, particularly water quality and accessibility, in Latin America and the Caribbean. In addition, the Foundation promotes the education and training of physicians and allied health workers through the publication of medical textbooks, health and pharmacological bulletins, and continuing education materials. The Foundation is governed by a 14-member independent Board of Trustees.

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The Winner of the Manuel Velasco Suárez Bioethics Award is a young scholar or researcher whose work demonstrates achievement and potential developments in the field of basic or applied bioethics. The winner is selected by a committee that consists of five members, including two designated by the Director of PASB and three selected by the Foundation's Board of Trustees. Nominations are received from ministers of health, leaders in bioethics worldwide, PAHO staff members, collaborating partners, and friends of PAHO and the Foundation.