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### **ABRAHAM HORWITZ AWARD FOR LEADERSHIP IN INTER-AMERICAN HEALTH 2007**

**(Joint Activity of the Pan American Health and Education Foundation  
and the Pan American Health Organization)**

1. 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 2007 Abraham Horwitz Award for Leadership in Inter-American Health will be presented during the 27th Pan American Sanitary Conference to Dr. Maria Cristina Escobar Fritzsche, of Chile. The Award recognizes and stimulates excellence and leadership in health among persons working in the Americas and persons who produce ideas and work of regional significance.
2. The Foundation is an independent philanthropic organization that works in partnership with PAHO/WHO to combat disease, lengthen life, improve health care services, foster health research, and enhance the capacities of health care workers in the Americas through grant-making and direct program implementation. It promotes philanthropy as a core social value. The Foundation also supports the education and training of physicians and allied health workers through the publication of medical textbooks and continuing education materials. Its fundraising efforts and programs are making a difference in the lives of the peoples of Latin America and the Caribbean. A 16-member independent Board of Trustees governs the Foundation.
3. Winners of the Abraham Horwitz Award have had outstanding lifetime careers in medicine and/or public health, demonstrating impact on the lives and health of the peoples of Latin America and the Caribbean. They are 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 health worldwide, PAHO staff members, collaborating partners, and friends of PAHO and the Foundation.

*Previous Winners of the Abraham Horwitz Award  
for Leadership in Inter-American Health*

Dr. James Steele	United States	2006
Dr. Ricardo Uauy	Chile	2005
Dr. Eduardo Salazar-Lindo	Peru	2004
Dr. Martin Eichelberger	United States	2003
Dr. Leonard Duhl	United States	2002
Professor Ruy Laurent	Brazil	2001
Dr. Abraam Sonis	Argentina	2000
Dr. Rodrigo Fierro Benítez	Ecuador	1999
Drs. Carlos and Elisa Ponce	Honduras	1998
Dr. Gabriel Velásquez Palau	Colombia	1997
Dr. José Renán Esquivel	Panama	1996
Dr. Jorge Mardones Restat	Chile	1995
Mr. Humberto Romero Alvarez	Mexico	1994
Dr. Plutarco Naranjo	Ecuador	1993
Dr. Elsa Segura	Argentina	1992
Dr. Guillermo Soberon	Mexico	1991
Dr. Ricardo Bressani	Guatemala	1990
Dr. Jacinto Convit	Venezuela	1989
Sir Kenneth L. Standard	Jamaica	1988
Dr. Mario Chaves	Brazil	1987
Dr. Boris Szyfres	Argentina	1986
Drs. Ruth and Víctor Nussenzweig	Brazil	1985
Dr. Roberto Caldeyro-Barcia	Uruguay	1984
Dr. Martin M. Cummings	United States	1983
Dr. Inés Durana	Colombia	1982
Dr. Luis Wannoni L.	Venezuela	1981
Dr. Hernando Groot	Colombia	1980
Dr. Fernando Monckeberg	Chile	1979
Dr. Ruth Puffer	United States	1978

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