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**ABRAHAM HORWITZ AWARD FOR LEADERSHIP IN  
INTER-AMERICAN HEALTH 2008**

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 2008 Abraham Horwitz Award for Leadership in Inter-American Health will be presented during the 48th Directing Council of the Pan American Health Organization to Dr. Cesar Victora of Brazil. 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 Pan American Health and Education Foundation (PAHEF), founded in 1968, is a US-based nonprofit organization that works in partnership with PAHO 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. As an independent organization, PAHEF supports the Pan American Health Organization's vision of health for all. An 11-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. Maria Cristina Escobar, Chile, 2007  
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 Benitez, 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 Sober on, 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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