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PAHO AWARD FOR ADMINISTRATION 2007

1. The Award Committee of the PAHO Award for Administration 2007, made up of representatives of Canada, Trinidad and Tobago, and Uruguay met on Wednesday 27 June during the 140th Session of the Executive Committee. After examining the documentation on the candidates nominated by the Member States, the Committee decided to confer the PAHO Award for Administration, 2007 on Dr. Armando Mariano Reale of Argentina for his contribution to the modernization of the health and social security systems by fostering integration between the public and private sectors, the creation of networks of providers at the different levels of health care, and the adoption of new models of financing for the public and social security sectors.
2. The Executive Committee considered the report (see Annex I) of the Award Committee and adopted the following resolution (CE140.R12).

THE 140th SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Having examined the report of the Award Committee of the PAHO Award for Administration 2007 (Document CE140/6, Add. II); and

Bearing in mind the provisions of the procedures and guidelines for conferring the PAHO Award for Administration, as approved by the 18th Pan American Sanitary Conference (1970) and amended by the 24th Pan American Sanitary Conference (1994) and the 124th Session of the Executive Committee (1999), the 135th Session of the Executive Committee (2004), and the 140th Session of the Executive Committee (2007),

RESOLVES:

1. To note the decision of the Award Committee to confer the PAHO Award for Administration 2007 on Dr. Armando Mariano Reale of Argentina for his contribution to the modernization of the health and social security systems by fostering integration between the

public and private sectors, the creation of networks of providers at the different levels of health care, and the adoption of new models of financing for the public and social security sectors.

2. To transmit the report of the Award Committee of the PAHO Award for Administration 2007 (Document CE140/6, Add. II), together with the amended procedures and guidelines, to the 27th Pan American Sanitary Conference.

3. The Award will be conferred on Dr. Armando Mariano Reale in a ceremony to be held during the 27th Pan American Sanitary Conference.

Annexes



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140th SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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Annex I

Agenda Item 3.2

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27 June 2007
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REPORT OF THE AWARD COMMITTEE OF THE PAHO AWARD FOR ADMINISTRATION 2007

1. The Award Committee of the PAHO Award for Administration 2007 is made up of the Delegates of Canada, Trinidad and Tobago, and Uruguay.
2. The Committee met on Wednesday, 27 June, during the 140th Session of the Executive Committee, and examined the information on the candidates nominated by the Member States, namely:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Country</i>
Dr. Armando Mariano Reale	Argentina
Dr. Jorge Castellanos Robayo	Colombia
Dr. Gustavo P. Kourí Flores	Cuba
Dr. César Hermida Bustos	Ecuador
Dr. Luis Octavio Angel Ancheita	Guatemala
Dr. Elías Melitón Arce Rodríguez	Peru

3. The Committee decided to confer the PAHO Award for Administration 2007 on Dr. Armando Mariano Reale, nominated by Argentina, for his contribution to the modernization of the health and social security systems by fostering integration between the public and private sectors, the creation of networks of providers at the different levels

of health care, and the adoption of new models of financing for the public and social security sectors.

4. The Award Committee recommends that the Executive Committee adopt the following resolution:

Proposed Resolution

THE 140th SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Having examined the report of the Award Committee of the PAHO Award for Administration, 2007 (Document CE140/6, Add. II); and

Bearing in mind the provisions of the procedures and guidelines for conferring the PAHO Award for Administration, as approved by the 18th Pan American Sanitary Conference (1970) and amended by the 24th Pan American Sanitary Conference (1994), the 124th Session of the Executive Committee (1999), the 135th Session of the Executive Committee (2004), and the 140th Session of the Executive Committee (2007),

RESOLVES:

1. To note the decision of the Award Committee to confer the PAHO Award for Administration 2007, on Dr. Armando Mariano Reale, of Argentina, for his contribution to the modernization of the health and social security systems by fostering integration between the public and private sectors, the creation of networks of providers at the different levels of health care, and the adoption of new models of financing for the public and social security sectors.

2. To transmit the report of the Award Committee of the PAHO Award for Administration 2007 (Document CE140/6, Add. II), together with the amended procedures and guidelines, to the 27th Pan American Sanitary Conference.

PAHO Award for Administration 2007

Every year the Governments of the countries of the Americas, acting through their representatives in the meetings of the Governing Bodies of the Pan American Health Organization, confer the PAHO Award for Administration in recognition of an outstanding contribution in the field of administration within the framework of national health services.

This Award dates back to 1969, when the Executive Committee of PAHO, in its 61st Meeting, accepted a grant from Dr. Stuart Portner, former Chief of Administration of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, to institute an annual award for the purpose of contributing to the improvement of health administrative systems.

The original procedures and criteria for conferring the PAHO Award for Administration were adopted by the 18th Pan American Sanitary Conference in 1970 and successively amended by the 20th Pan American Sanitary Conference in 1978, the 27th Directing Council in 1980, the 24th Pan American Sanitary Conference in 1994, and the 41st Directing Council in 1999. Later, in June of 2004, the 134th session of the Executive Committee adopted Resolution CE134.R11 requesting the Secretariat to review the requirements, conditions, and procedures for conferring the PAHO Award for Administration. There was agreement on the need to develop criteria that better reflect the demands of the new millennium and the strategies with which the Secretariat and the Governments should address them. At the same time, the importance of having a larger, more diverse pool of candidates to permit a selection process consistent with these challenges was recognized. Therefore by Decision CE135(D6) of October 1, 2004, the 135th Session of the Executive Committee, approved the amendments to the procedures and selection criteria for conferral of the PAHO Award for Administration. A new revision of the selection procedures and guidelines was approved by Resolution CE140.R12 of June 28, 2007, during the 140th Session of the Executive Committee.

The procedures and criteria or guidelines for conferring the Award, as approved by the 18th Pan American Sanitary Conference (1970) and as amended by the 20th Pan American Sanitary Conference (1978), the 27th Meeting of the Directing Council (1980), the 24th Pan American Sanitary Conference (1994), the 41st Directing Council (1999), the 135th Session of the Executive Committee (2004), the 138th Session of the Executive Committee, and the 140th Session of the Executive Committee (2007) are as follows:

Procedures

1. To contribute to the improvement of the management of health systems and services the Pan American Health Organization has established the PAHO Award for Administration, which will be competed for annually and will consist of a diploma and the sum of US\$ 5,000. This sum will be reviewed as appropriate by the Executive Committee on the recommendation of the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau.
2. The Award shall be conferred on a candidate who has made a significant contribution in his home country and in the Region of the Americas to improving health development, through the management or execution of services and programs, teaching, and research.
3. The Chairman of the Executive Committee shall appoint an Award Committee consisting of three representatives from Member Governments of the Executive Committee, who will discharge their duties for the period of their term of office on the Executive Committee. The Chairman shall fill any vacancies that occur on the Award Committee. When there are candidates from countries represented on this Committee, those members shall be replaced by representatives of other Member Governments of the Executive Committee to serve on the Award Committee for that occasion only. The Chairman of the Executive Committee will designate these representatives.
4. The Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau shall invite the Member Governments to submit one nomination for the Award. Only one nomination per country will be accepted.
5. The names of candidates shall be submitted by the Member Governments of PAHO through their ministries of health.
6. The names of proposed candidates shall be submitted to reach the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau before 31 March, together with their curriculum vitae and the documentation supporting the nature and quality of the work done. This documentation shall include a brief narrative describing the impact that the candidate's work has had on the management of health systems and services in the person's home country and in the Region of the Americas. In order to facilitate the work of the Award Committee, the required data from each candidate should be presented on the standardized form provided by PAHO. This form and the documentation supporting the merits of the candidate should be completed in full as exhaustively as possible, responding explicitly and objectively to each of the questions. All documentation shall be submitted in an original and three copies.
7. The Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau shall forward to the members of the Award Committee copies of the documentation submitted, 45 days before the date of the opening of the first meeting of the Executive Committee for the calendar year. In this way, the Award Committee can meet and decide on the Award recipient during the sessions of the Executive Committee and report its decision to the latter. The Executive

Committee shall transmit the decision to the Directing Council or the Pan American Sanitary Conference.

8. Nominations received by the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau after 31 March shall be held in abeyance for consideration by the Award Committee the following year.
9. The Award Committee shall have the authority to declare the Award void in the event that no candidate meets the approved criteria.
10. When in any year only one nomination is received within the time limit prescribed, the Award Committee shall have the authority to refer that candidacy for consideration with others received in the ensuing year.
11. Unsuccessful candidates in any one year may be renominated for consideration once only and in the following year. For such renomination, a simple communication incorporating any additional pertinent data shall suffice.
12. The announcement of the winner of the Award shall be made during the meeting of the Directing Council or the Pan American Sanitary Conference.
13. Whenever practicable, the Award shall be presented during the appropriate meeting of the Directing Council or the Pan American Sanitary Conference, the cost of the travel involved being borne by the government concerned.
14. When such presentation is not practicable, alternatives shall include:
 - a) Receipt of the Award at the meeting of the Directing Council or the Pan American Sanitary Conference by a member of the delegation of the recipient's country, on his/her behalf.
 - b) Presentation made in the home country by the PAHO/WHO Representative on behalf of the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau.
15. Whatever the method of presentation of the Award may be, it shall be accompanied by appropriate publicity issued to the news media, both by the Pan American Sanitary Bureau and the government concerned.
16. The Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau shall request Member Governments to give more active consideration to the possibility of making use of the Award to foster the improvement in the management of health systems and services within the framework of the national health services.
17. In order to underscore the importance of the Award and emphasize its contribution to improving administration, education, and research, it shall be associated with a theme related to the Organization's strategic priorities. Furthermore, the Representative Offices and the regional programs shall play a greater role in disseminating information about the Award and encouraging the nomination of excellent candidates in the respective area.

18. These general rules and guidelines shall be reviewed at any time, as deemed appropriate in light of the experience gained. The amendments approved by the Executive Committee shall be submitted to the Directing Council or the Pan American Sanitary Conference.

Guidelines

The Award Committee shall judge the relative merits of the candidates with regards to the following:

- Excellence in administration, at the national or local level, identifying and documenting substantial changes in terms of improvements in the management of health systems and services and health conditions at the national and in the Region of the Americas.
- Experience in teaching and research with a positive impact on public health activities at the national and/or international level, according to the testimony of peers, professional associations, academic and research institutions that confirm the importance of the candidate's contribution to the development of leadership in health, will also be an asset. This information should be included in the supporting documentation.

Recipients of the PAHO Award for Administration¹

- 2006 **Dr. Adolfo Horacio Chorny (Brazil)**. For his contributions to the development and innovation in the areas of planning, management and financing of health systems and services at the national and international levels, including his contribution to the development of leadership in public health and health policies through several generation of managers and decision makers.
- 2005 **Dr. Francisco Rojas Ochoa (Cuba)**. For his outstanding contribution, during his professional career, to the development of the Administration of Health Programs and Services in his country, Cuba, and in several countries of the Region of the Americas and, particularly, for his outstanding contribution to the training of various generations of public health leaders and professionals.

¹ On the recommendation of the Award Committee, the Award was declared void in 1971, 1974, 1979 and 1986 because the nominations did not meet the approved criteria or because only one nomination was submitted.

- 2004 **Dr. Gastão de Souza Campos (Brazil)**. For his outstanding contribution to the transformation of the health care model through the development of a management method that increased the democratization of the services by strengthening the links between services and the users of the Unified Health System (SUS) in Brazil.
- 2003 **Mr. Roy J. Romanow (Canada)**. For his outstanding contribution to the development of the Canadian Health System, particularly in the creation of the Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission, and in leading the Commission on the Future of Health Care in Canada.
- 2002 **Dr. Hugo Mendoza (Dominican Republic)**. For his valuable contribution to the improvement of the maternal and child health situation in his country, through the introduction of the public health approach in pediatric care and teaching, and his pioneering efforts in public health research.
- 2001 **Dr. Carlos Gehlert Mata (Guatemala)**. For his pioneering contribution to the extension of primary health care in the rural areas of Guatemala during difficult times and circumstances, through the strategy of preparation of mid-level technicians selected from the same local communities.
- 2000 **Dr. Roberto Fuentes García (Chile)**. For his long and fruitful efforts in the field of public health administration, focusing particularly on effective management, the quality of care and user satisfaction, and for his important contribution to the national and international literature on these areas.
- 1999 **Dr. Ana Flisser Steinbruch (México)**. For her work to transform the network of public health laboratories in her country to support priority health programs, including administration, teaching, and research.
- 1998 **Dr. Christine Olive Moody (Jamaica)**. For her contribution to the planning, administration, and leadership of the health services, and her continuous efforts towards the development of primary health care at the regional and global levels.
- 1997 **Dr. Eduardo Bernabé Ordaz Ducungé (Cuba)**. For his pioneering efforts in the establishment of rehabilitation programs and the humanization of hospital care for persons suffering from chronic mental illness.
- 1996 **Ms. Michaela M. Storr (Bahamas)**. For her work at the grassroots level in developing an integrated local health system and for the introduction of innovative systems for the management of hospitals.
- 1995 **Dr. Hipólito Vergara Muñoz (Chile)**. Medical Comptroller, Committee on Preventive Medicine and Disability. For his pioneering work in the field of community medicine and primary health care, particularly in rural areas.
- 1994 **Dr. Zilda Arns Neumann (Brazil)**. Director of the Division of Maternal and Child Health, Ministry of Health. For her outstanding work in the administration of programs in a variety of public health fields, particularly maternal and child health, in both non-governmental and governmental organizations and at state and national levels.

- 1993 **Dr. Georgina Velásquez Díaz (Mexico)**. General Coordinator of the Solidarity Program, Mexican Institute of Social Security. For her contribution to the organization and consolidation of the administrative infrastructure and health services of the Solidarity Program.
- 1992 **Dr. Desmond O. N. McIntyre (Dominica)**. Former Chief Medical Officer, Ministry of Health and Social Security. For outstanding work in the area of health administration.
- 1991 **Prof. Oscar Mateo de Acosta Fernández (Cuba)**. Director, National Institute of Endocrinology, and Professor of Internal Medicine, University of Havana. For his outstanding contributions in health research, teaching, and administration, particularly in the field of endocrinology.
- 1990 **Dr. Pedro Alejandro de Armas H. (Venezuela)**. Director of the School of Medicine, Francisco de Miranda University, Coro, State of Falcón. For his outstanding work in the area of health administration.
- 1989 **Dr. David Bersch Escobar (Colombia)**. Scientific Director, Foundation for the Development of Health Education. For his outstanding work in research, teaching and management in the area of health administration.
- 1988 **Dr. Guido Miranda Gutiérrez (Costa Rica)**. Executive President, Costa Rican Social Security Fund. For his outstanding contribution to administration and teaching in the areas of health and social security.
- 1987 **Dr. John E. F. Hastings (Canada)**. Professor of Health Administration, University of Toronto. For outstanding services and publications in the public health field, especially in administration and research.
- 1985 **Dr. Elizabeth Quamina (Trinidad and Tobago)**. Chief Medical Officer, Ministry of Health and Environment. For her outstanding work in health planning, administration, and human resources development.
- 1984 **Dr. Manuel Barquín (Mexico)**. Professor, School of Medicine, National Autonomous University. For his exceptional contribution to the improvement of the health in Mexico and other countries of Latin America, as well as for his academic achievements in the areas of teaching and research.
- 1983 **Dr. Arnaldo Tejeiro Fernández (Cuba)**. Adviser, National Bureau of Statistics. For his contributions and the positive social repercussions of his work as a member of the National Health System.
- 1982 **Dr. Julio César Mérida de León (Guatemala)**. Chief, Tuberculosis Division, Ministry of Public Health and Social Welfare. For his work in developing and executing programs for the prevention and control of communicable diseases, and for his influence in strengthening and modernizing comprehensive health services administration.
- 1981 **Dr. Frederick Burns Roth (Canada)**. Professor of Health Administration, University of Toronto, and President and Chairman of the Board, Home Care Program for

- Metropolitan Toronto. For his work in improving the practice and teaching of health care administration, both nationally and internationally.
- 1980 **Dr. Jair de Oliveira Soares (Brazil)**. Minister of Social Security, Federal Government. For his contribution to the organization and management of health sector services in his country, at both the regional and national levels.
- 1978 **Dr. Oswaldo Egas Cevallos (Ecuador)**. General Director for Health Planning, Ministry of Public Health. For his work in the administration of health services.
- 1977 **Dr. Roberto Pereda Chávez (Cuba) (posthumous)**. Director, Department of International Relations, Ministry of Public Health. For the exceedingly salutary effects of his work on the administration and consolidation of the National Health System.
- 1976 **Dr. Ernani Guilherme Fernandes da Motta (Brazil)**. Superintendent of the Health Campaigns Superintendency, Ministry of Health. For his work in administrative management, especially in relation to the meningitis vaccination campaign.
- 1975 **Mr. Dennis Sánchez Acuña (Costa Rica)**. Planning expert in the Sectoral Unit, Ministry of Health. For his outstanding contribution in drawing up the National Health Program for 1975-1978, particularly the methods used to improve the development of administrative resources.
- 1973 **Mr. Guillermo Istúriz (Venezuela)**. Founder of the hospital administration program and of the courses in this discipline at the School of Public Health. For work in the field of hospital management which is regarded as the basis for the doctrine and practice in this field and as having shaped the modern approach to hospital management in Venezuela.
- 1972 **Dr. Eduardo Zapata Salazar (Peru)**. Director of Personnel, Ministry of Health. For his work on the preparation and implementation of a model of a personnel administration system for the health sector in his country.