



# **Report on appointments to expert advisory panels and committees**

## **Report by the Director-General**

This report on appointments of members of expert advisory panels and committees is submitted to the Executive Board in compliance with the regulations for such bodies.<sup>1</sup>

### **MEMBERSHIP OF EXPERT ADVISORY PANELS**

1. Membership of the 55 expert advisory panels totalled 1888 in December 1997, compared with 20 December 1996. Of the 1888 experts, 288 are women.
2. A summary of numbers of panel members of WHO expert advisory panels by subject and region December 1997, including women experts, is given in Table 1. Further details (alphabetical list or list of experts by subject giving nationality, sex and year of birth) can be made available should members of the Board request.
3. The Expert Advisory Panel on Trachoma and Prevention of Blindness has been renamed Expert Advisory Panel on Prevention of Blindness.

### **GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION**

4. The geographical distribution and numbers of panel members by sex and region for the last 13 years shown in Table 2. Numbers of experts serving on WHO expert advisory panels, by country or area in region, with sex distribution, are shown in Tables 3 to 8.

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<sup>1</sup> *WHO Basic Documents*, 41st edition, 1996, p. 98.

## MEETINGS OF EXPERT COMMITTEES

5. The following committees met in 1997:

Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (forty-eighth), Geneva, 18-27 February 1997  
(7 WHO members - one woman)

Expert Committee on Specifications for Pharmaceutical Preparations, Geneva, 21-25 April 1997  
(8 members - one woman)

WHO Expert Committee on Leprosy (seventh), Geneva, 26 May - 3 June 1997 (8 members - 2 women)

Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (forty-ninth), Rome, 17-26 June 1997 (7 WHO  
members - one woman)

Advisory Committee on Health Research (thirty-fifth session), Geneva, 21-24 October 1997  
(15 members - one woman)

Expert Committee on Biological Standardization, Geneva, 27-31 October 1997 (10 members - 3 women)

Expert Committee on the Use of Essential Drugs, Geneva, 1-5 December 1997 (8 members - one woman)

6. Invitations to take part in these meetings were extended to 63 panel members from 33 different countries, drawn from 11 expert advisory panels (4 members were unable to attend).

7. The meeting of the Expert Committee on the Control of the Leishmaniases scheduled for 1997 has been postponed.

**TABLE 1. MEMBERSHIP OF WHO EXPERT ADVISORY PANELS BY SUBJECT AND REGION**  
(numbers of panel members, as at December 1997; numbers of women members in square brackets)

Serial No.	WHO expert advisory panels	African Region	Region of the Americas	South-East Asia Region	European Region	Eastern Mediterranean Region	Western Pacific Region	Total
1	Accident prevention	1 [0]	7 [2]	2 [0]	9 [2]	0 [0]	3 [0]	22 [4]
2	Acute bacterial diseases	1 [0]	8 [1]	3 [0]	30 [4]	3 [0]	4 [2]	49 [7]
3	Acute diarrhoeal diseases and other enteric infections	0 [0]	1 [0]	4 [2]	5 [1]	0 [0]	2 [0]	12 [3]
4	Ageing and health	2 [2]	7 [4]	3 [1]	10 [2]	1 [1]	4 [1]	27 [11]
5	Biological standardization	1 [0]	11 [4]	5 [2]	27 [1]	4 [1]	6 [1]	54 [9]
6	Brucellosis	0 [0]	1 [0]	0 [0]	1 [0]	0 [0]	0 [0]	2 [0]
7	Cancer	2 [0]	13 [3]	4 [2]	17 [0]	2 [0]	6 [1]	44 [6]
8	Cardiovascular diseases	10 [1]	18 [2]	10 [2]	26 [1]	6 [0]	15 [1]	85 [7]
9	Chronic degenerative diseases - diabetes	2 [0]	1 [0]	3 [1]	9 [0]	0 [0]	2 [1]	17 [2]
9	Chronic degenerative diseases - rheumatic diseases	0 [0]	1 [0]	1 [0]	1 [1]	0 [0]	0 [0]	3 [1]
10	Communications and public affairs	0 [0]	0 [0]	0 [0]	0 [0]	0 [0]	0 [0]	0 [0]
11	Development of human resources for health	6 [2]	8 [2]	6 [0]	8 [0]	4 [0]	5 [0]	37 [4]
12	Drug dependence and alcohol problems	3 [0]	14 [2]	1 [0]	22 [5]	4 [0]	11 [3]	55 [10]
13	Drug evaluation	9 [1]	8 [2]	4 [1]	14 [1]	7 [1]	6 [0]	48 [6]
14	Drug policies and management	6 [1]	5 [1]	3 [0]	7 [0]	1 [0]	8 [1]	30 [3]
15	Emergency and humanitarian action	0 [0]	3 [1]	3 [1]	1 [0]	0 [0]	2 [0]	9 [2]
16	Environmental health	4 [0]	7 [1]	3 [1]	4 [0]	3 [0]	1 [0]	22 [2]
17	Environmental pollution and hazards	0 [0]	2 [0]	3 [0]	2 [0]	0 [0]	1 [0]	8 [0]
18	Food safety	4 [0]	17 [3]	3 [1]	18 [1]	1 [0]	4 [0]	47 [5]

Serial No.	WHO expert advisory panels	African Region	Region of the Americas	South-East Asia Region	European Region	Eastern Mediterranean Region	Western Pacific Region	Total
19	Health and biomedical information	0 [0]	2 [0]	0 [0]	2 [0]	0 [0]	0 [0]	4 [0]
20	Health laboratory services	5 [1]	12 [2]	4 [1]	20 [4]	5 [1]	10 [4]	56 [13]
21	Health of seafarers	0 [0]	1 [0]	0 [0]	5 [0]	0 [0]	1 [0]	7 [0]
22	Health promotion and education	3 [0]	1 [0]	1 [1]	1 [0]	1 [1]	1 [1]	8 [3]
23	Health science and technology policy	5 [1]	7 [1]	4 [1]	12 [0]	1 [0]	7 [1]	36 [4]
24	Health situation and trend assessment	4 [0]	5 [2]	4 [0]	16 [4]	6 [1]	10 [2]	45 [9]
25	Human blood products and related substances	4 [0]	3 [0]	3 [1]	5 [1]	3 [1]	2 [1]	20 [4]
26	Human genetics	2 [0]	10 [1]	2 [0]	15 [1]	2 [0]	4 [1]	35 [3]
27	Human reproduction	0 [0]	1 [1]	2 [0]	4 [0]	0 [0]	2 [2]	9 [3]
28	Immunology	0 [0]	12 [0]	5 [1]	19 [0]	3 [1]	4 [0]	43 [2]
29	International pharmacopoeia and pharmaceutical preparations	13 [0]	10 [3]	5 [1]	31 [6]	6 [0]	8 [0]	73 [10]
30	Leprosy	2 [0]	9 [1]	7 [1]	11 [1]	3 [0]	6 [1]	38 [4]
31	Malaria	2 [0]	11 [0]	16 [4]	20 [0]	8 [0]	3 [0]	60 [4]
32	Maternal and child health	2 [1]	7 [1]	5 [2]	5 [3]	9 [4]	10 [5]	38 [16]
33	Mental health	8 [1]	19 [4]	5 [2]	35 [6]	8 [1]	17 [3]	92 [17]
34	Neurosciences	1 [0]	4 [0]	2 [1]	12 [1]	2 [0]	4 [0]	25 [2]
35	Nursing	7 [6]	12 [12]	5 [5]	4 [4]	6 [6]	5 [5]	39 [38]
36	Nutrition	1 [0]	10 [1]	8 [3]	18 [2]	4 [1]	5 [1]	46 [8]
37	Occupational health	6 [0]	9 [1]	5 [1]	21 [1]	13 [1]	14 [2]	68 [6]
38	Oral health	5 [2]	16 [1]	5 [2]	24 [2]	5 [0]	8 [0]	63 [7]
39	Organization of medical care	2 [0]	3 [0]	2 [0]	10 [0]	1 [0]	1 [0]	19 [0]

Serial No.	WHO expert advisory panels	African Region	Region of the Americas	South-East Asia Region	European Region	Eastern Mediterranean Region	Western Pacific Region	Total
40	Parasitic diseases - filarial infections	4 [1]	6 [2]	2 [0]	6 [0]	0 [0]	3 [1]	21 [4]
40	Parasitic diseases - general parasitology	4 [0]	6 [1]	4 [0]	14 [1]	1 [0]	4 [0]	33 [2]
40	Parasitic diseases - leishmaniasis	0 [0]	2 [0]	2 [0]	11 [2]	0 [0]	0 [0]	15 [2]
40	Parasitic diseases - schistosomiasis	3 [0]	10 [0]	1 [0]	8 [0]	4 [0]	8 [0]	34 [0]
40	Parasitic diseases - trypanosomiasis	1 [0]	7 [1]	0 [0]	5 [0]	0 [0]	0 [0]	13 [1]
41	Prevention of blindness	2 [1]	7 [1]	5 [1]	7 [1]	5 [0]	7 [0]	33 [4]
42	Prevention of deafness and hearing impairment	2 [0]	3 [0]	2 [1]	5 [1]	2 [0]	3 [0]	17 [2]
43	Public health administration	7 [1]	7 [1]	5 [1]	9 [0]	9 [0]	5 [1]	42 [4]
44	Rabies	2 [0]	3 [0]	1 [0]	1 [0]	1 [0]	1 [0]	9 [0]
45	Radiation	1 [0]	5 [0]	4 [2]	12 [0]	1 [0]	5 [1]	28 [3]
46	Rehabilitation	0 [0]	2 [0]	2 [1]	3 [1]	2 [1]	2 [1]	11 [4]
47	Respiratory infections	0 [0]	1 [0]	0 [0]	1 [0]	0 [0]	4 [1]	6 [1]
48	Tobacco or health	2 [0]	4 [0]	4 [1]	9 [2]	2 [0]	6 [1]	27 [4]
49	Traditional medicine	5 [0]	5 [1]	4 [1]	0 [0]	2 [0]	6 [1]	22 [3]
50	Tuberculosis	2 [1]	3 [0]	0 [0]	4 [0]	1 [0]	2 [0]	12 [1]
51	Vector biology and control	4 [0]	7 [0]	7 [2]	13 [3]	6 [1]	7 [0]	44 [6]
52	Veneral diseases, treponematoses and <i>Neisseria</i> infections	2 [0]	6 [1]	2 [0]	6 [2]	0 [0]	4 [0]	20 [3]
53	Virus diseases	2 [0]	18 [0]	8 [2]	35 [5]	4 [0]	10 [0]	77 [7]
54	Virus diseases - antivirals and Interferon	0 [0]	2 [0]	0 [0]	6 [0]	0 [0]	0 [0]	8 [0]
55	Zoonoses	0 [0]	5 [0]	4 [1]	8 [1]	2 [0]	2 [0]	21 [2]
	<b>Total</b>	<b>166 [23]</b>	<b>405 [67]</b>	<b>208 [54]</b>	<b>664 [74]</b>	<b>164 [23]</b>	<b>281 [47]</b>	<b>1 888 [288]</b>

**TABLE 2. TOTAL NUMBER OF EXPERTS SERVING ON WHO EXPERT ADVISORY PANELS BY REGION**  
(numbers of panel members, female and male, 1985-1997)

Year	African Region			Region of the Americas			South-East Asia Region			European Region			Eastern Mediterranean Region			Western Pacific Region			Total		
	F	M	Total	F	M	Total	F	M	Total	F	M	Total	F	M	Total	F	M	Total	F	M	Total
1985	19	191	210	43	431	474	38	200	238	90	861	951	12	148	160	37	287	324	239	2 118	2 357
1986	19	177	196	50	410	460	44	209	253	92	836	928	13	147	160	44	289	333	262	2 068	2 330
1987	21	173	194	54	399	453	47	199	246	103	806	909	14	147	161	47	302	349	286	2 026	2 312
1988	21	172	193	58	389	447	48	186	234	99	803	902	18	144	162	46	291	337	290	1 985	2 275
1989	19	176	195	63	383	446	49	181	230	102	789	891	22	137	159	44	280	324	299	1 946	2 245
1990	15	169	184	62	384	446	47	179	226	96	780	876	22	133	155	41	272	313	283	1 917	2 200
1991	16	163	179	63	383	446	47	168	215	99	768	867	26	138	164	40	269	309	291	1 889	2 180
1992	15	159	174	58	377	435	47	167	214	94	740	834	24	140	164	41	253	294	279	1 836	2 115
1993	15	166	181	56	373	429	54	182	236	94	710	804	25	139	164	41	256	297	285	1 826	2 111
1994	15	163	178	63	381	444	54	177	231	90	711	801	24	141	165	42	255	297	288	1 828	2 116
1995	20	164	184	67	382	449	55	170	225	83	702	785	24	140	164	41	247	288	290	1 805	2 095
1996	22	162	184	71	366	437	56	161	217	80	673	753	23	142	165	43	247	290	295	1 751	2 046
1997	23	143	166	67	338	405	54	154	208	74	590	664	23	141	164	47	234	281	288	1 600	1 888
<b>Percentage</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>100</b>

TABLE 3. AFRICAN REGION

Country or area	1996			1997		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Algeria	6	1	7	5	1	6
Angola	0	0	0	0	0	0
Benin	3	0	3	2	0	2
Botswana	1	2	3	1	2	3
Burkina Faso	1	0	1	1	0	1
Burundi	1	0	1	1	0	1
Cameroon	4	0	4	4	0	4
Cape Verde	0	0	0	0	0	0
Central African Republic	1	0	1	1	0	1
Chad	0	0	0	0	0	0
Comoros	0	0	0	0	0	0
Congo	4	0	4	4	0	4
Côte d'Ivoire	4	0	4	4	0	4
Democratic Republic of the Congo	5	0	5	5	0	5
Equatorial Guinea	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eritrea	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ethiopia	3	0	3	2	0	2
Gabon	2	0	2	2	0	2
Gambia	1	0	1	1	0	1
Ghana	16	1	17	16	1	17
Guinea	2	0	2	2	0	2
Guinea-Bissau	0	1	1	0	1	1
Kenya	16	4	20	14	4	18
Lesotho	0	0	0	0	0	0
Liberia	0	0	0	0	0	0
Madagascar	2	0	2	2	0	2
Malawi	3	1	4	3	1	4
Mali	4	1	5	4	1	5
Mauritania	1	0	1	1	0	1
Mauritius	2	0	2	1	0	1
Mozambique	1	1	2	1	1	2
Namibia	0	0	0	0	0	0
Niger	3	0	3	1	0	1
Nigeria	44	3	47	36	3	39
Rwanda	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sao Tome and Principe	1	0	1	0	0	0
Senegal	5	1	6	4	1	5
Seychelles	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sierra Leone	0	1	1	0	0	0
South Africa	1	0	1	2	1	3
Swaziland	0	0	0	0	0	0
Togo	0	0	0	0	1	1
Uganda	6	1	7	6	1	7
United Republic of Tanzania	12	1	13	10	1	11
Zambia	1	0	1	1	0	1
Zimbabwe	6	3	9	6	3	9
<b>Total</b>	162	22	184	143	23	166

TABLE 4. REGION OF THE AMERICAS

Country or area	1996			1997		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Antigua and Barbuda	0	0	0	0	0	0
Argentina	12	7	19	11	4	15
Bahamas	0	0	0	0	0	0
Barbados	2	0	2	1	0	1
Belize	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bolivia	2	0	2	2	0	2
Brazil	39	7	46	33	8	41
Canada	41	9	50	42	8	50
Chile	8	0	8	7	0	7
Colombia	11	3	14	11	3	14
Costa Rica	4	1	5	3	0	3
Cuba	8	1	9	9	1	10
Dominica	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dominican Republic	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ecuador	4	1	5	3	1	4
El Salvador	1	1	2	1	1	2
Grenada	0	0	0	0	0	0
Guatemala	0	2	2	0	1	1
Guyana	0	0	0	0	0	0
Haiti	0	0	0	0	0	0
Honduras	0	1	1	0	1	1
Jamaica	0	2	2	0	3	3
Mexico	13	5	18	13	6	19
Nicaragua	0	0	0	0	0	0
Panama	2	1	3	2	0	2
Paraguay	0	0	0	0	0	0
Peru	5	0	5	4	0	4
Puerto Rico	0	1	1	0	1	1
Saint Kitts and Nevis	0	0	0	0	0	0
Saint Lucia	0	0	0	0	0	0
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	0	0	0	0	0	0
Suriname	0	0	0	0	0	0
Trinidad and Tobago	0	1	1	0	1	1
United States of America	204	26	230	187	26	213
Uruguay	0	1	1	0	1	1
Venezuela	10	1	11	9	1	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>366</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>437</b>	<b>338</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>405</b>



TABLE 5. SOUTH-EAST ASIA REGION

Country or area	1996			1997		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Bangladesh	10	1	11	9	1	10
Bhutan	0	0	0	0	0	0
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	1	0	1	1	0	1
India	58	25	83	55	25	80
Indonesia	21	6	27	22	6	28
Maldives	0	0	0	0	0	0
Myanmar	10	3	13	10	2	12
Nepal	5	1	6	5	1	6
Sri Lanka	19	5	24	18	5	23
Thailand	37	15	52	34	14	48
<b>Total</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>208</b>

TABLE 6. EUROPEAN REGION

Country or area	1996			1997		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Albania	1	0	1	1	0	1
Andorra	0	0	0	0	0	0
Armenia	0	0	0	0	0	0
Austria	3	0	3	4	0	4
Azerbaijan	0	0	0	0	0	0
Belarus	2	0	2	2	0	2
Belgium	31	1	32	25	1	26
Bosnia and Herzegovina	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bulgaria	6	1	7	6	1	7
Croatia	6	3	9	4	2	6
Czech Republic	10	2	12	7	2	9
Denmark	20	2	22	16	2	18
Estonia	1	0	1	1	0	1
Finland	22	5	27	19	4	23
France	84	10	94	73	9	82
Georgia	1	0	1	0	0	0
Germany	61	0	61	51	0	51
Greece	4	1	5	4	1	5
Hungary	12	3	15	9	2	11
Iceland	3	0	3	3	0	3
Ireland	3	1	4	4	1	5
Israel	15	2	17	11	1	12
Italy	23	2	25	21	1	22
Kazakstan	2	0	2	1	0	1
Kyrgyzstan	0	0	0	0	0	0
Latvia	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lithuania	1	0	1	1	0	1
Luxembourg	2	0	2	2	0	2
Malta	2	0	2	2	0	2
Monaco	0	0	0	0	0	0
Netherlands	18	1	19	18	1	19
Norway	13	1	14	12	1	13
Poland	18	0	18	16	0	16
Portugal	1	0	1	1	0	1
Republic of Moldova	0	0	0	0	0	0
Romania	6	0	6	4	0	4
Russian Federation	63	11	74	60	11	71
San Marino	0	0	0	0	0	0
Slovakia	2	1	3	1	1	2
Slovenia	2	1	3	2	1	3
Spain	18	3	21	17	4	21
Sweden	42	1	43	38	2	40
Switzerland	26	4	30	23	4	27
Tajikistan	0	0	0	0	0	0
The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	0	0	0	0	0	0
Turkey	1	1	2	0	2	2
Turkmenistan	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ukraine	6	1	7	6	1	7
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	137	22	159	122	19	141
Uzbekistan	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yugoslavia	5	0	5	3	0	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>673</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>753</b>	<b>590</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>664</b>

TABLE 7. EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN REGION

Country or area	1996			1997		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Afghanistan	2	0	2	2	0	2
Bahrain	1	2	3	1	2	3
Cyprus	3	1	4	3	1	4
Djibouti	0	0	0	0	0	0
Egypt	42	6	48	41	6	47
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	16	0	16	14	0	14
Iraq	6	1	7	5	1	6
Jordan	5	3	8	5	3	8
Kuwait	4	1	5	4	0	4
Lebanon	2	2	4	3	3	6
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	1	0	1	1	0	1
Morocco	3	0	3	3	1	4
Oman	1	0	1	1	0	1
Pakistan	18	3	21	19	2	21
Qatar	0	0	0	0	0	0
Saudi Arabia	9	1	10	9	2	11
Somalia	2	0	2	2	0	2
Sudan	16	1	17	17	1	18
Syrian Arab Republic	5	1	6	5	1	6
Tunisia	6	1	7	5	0	5
United Arab Emirates	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yemen	0	0	0	1	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>164</b>

TABLE 8. WESTERN PACIFIC REGION

Country or area	1996			1997		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Australia	51	4	55	48	6	54
Brunei Darussalam	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cambodia	0	0	0	0	0	0
China	54	15	69	50	17	67
Cook Islands	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fiji	1	0	1	1	0	1
Japan	57	6	63	56	6	62
Kiribati	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lao People's Democratic Republic	0	0	0	0	0	0
Malaysia	15	3	18	10	3	13
Marshall Islands	0	0	0	0	0	0
Micronesia (Federated States of)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mongolia	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nauru	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Zealand	13	1	14	11	2	13
Niue	0	0	0	0	0	0
Palau	0	0	0	0	0	0
Papua New Guinea	1	0	1	1	0	1
Philippines	14	6	20	14	6	20
Republic of Korea	21	2	23	21	2	23
Samoa	0	1	1	0	1	1
Singapore	14	5	19	16	4	20
Solomon Islands	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tokelau	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tonga	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tuvalu	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vanuatu	0	0	0	0	0	0
Viet Nam	6	0	6	6	0	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>281</b>

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