

Dr LEE Jong-wook Memorial Prize for Public Health: statutes

Report by the Secretariat

1. The Executive Board at its 122nd session decided to approve in principle the establishment of an award, entitled the “Dr LEE Jong-wook Memorial Prize for Public Health”, for research in the areas of HIV/AIDS, communicable diseases and neglected tropical diseases, proposed by the Republic of Korea. The Board further decided that statutes should be drafted in cooperation with the Republic of Korea and submitted for its approval at its 123rd session, together with recommendations for covering administrative costs.¹
2. Draft statutes drawn up pursuant to that decision, which include provisions for administrative costs, are attached at Annex and submitted to the Board for its approval.

ACTION BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

3. The Executive Board is invited to consider approving the draft statutes of the Dr LEE Jong-wook Memorial Prize for Public Health.

¹ Decision EB122(7).

ANNEX

**DRAFT STATUTES OF THE DR LEE JONG-WOOK MEMORIAL PRIZE FOR
PUBLIC HEALTH**

Article 1 - Establishment

Under the title of the “Dr LEE Jong-wook Memorial Prize for Public Health”, a Prize is established within the framework of the World Health Organization, which shall be governed by the following provisions.

Article 2 - The Founder

The Prize is established upon the initiative of, and with funds provided by, the Government of the Republic of Korea through the Korean Foundation for International Healthcare – Dr LEE Jong-wook Memorial Fund (hereinafter referred to as “the Founder”).

Article 3 - Endowment

The Founder endows the Prize with an annual endowment of US\$ 100 000 (one hundred thousand United States dollars). This annual endowment shall be provided by the Founder to the World Health Organization in January of each year.

Article 4 - Prize

1. Provided that the Administrator is in receipt of the endowment, the Dr LEE Jong-wook Memorial Prize shall be awarded to a person or persons, an institution or institutions, a governmental or nongovernmental organization or organizations, who have made an outstanding contribution in the following areas: research into and prevention, treatment and control of HIV/AIDS; research into and control of communicable diseases; or control of neglected tropical diseases. The Prize aims at rewarding work that has extended far beyond the call of normal duties, and it is not intended as a reward for excellent performance of duties normally expected of an official occupying a government position or of a governmental or intergovernmental institution.
2. The Prize shall consist of a sum of money, together with a plaque from the Founder, which shall be awarded not more often than once in each year. The sum of money shall be US\$ 85 000 (eighty-five thousand United States dollars). This sum may be adjusted by the Prize Selection Panel, including as a result of any changes to the charges for the administrative cost provided for in Article 8 below.
3. If the Prize is awarded to more than one person, institution, or organization, the sum of money shall be proportionately distributed between them.
4. The Prize(s) shall be presented during a session of the World Health Assembly to the recipient(s) or, in their absence, to a person(s) representing them.

Article 5 - Proposal and selection of candidates

1. Any national health administration of a Member State of the World Health Organization, or any former recipient of the Prize, may put forward the name of a candidate for the Prize.
2. Proposals shall be submitted to the Administrator, who shall submit them to the Prize Selection Panel.
3. Current and former staff members of the World Health Organization, and current members of the Executive Board, shall be ineligible to receive the Prize.

Article 6 - Prize Selection Panel

1. The Dr LEE Jong-wook Memorial Prize Selection Panel (“the Prize Selection Panel”) shall consist of the Chairman of the Executive Board, a representative of the Founder, and a member elected by the Executive Board from among its members for a period not exceeding his or her term of office on the Executive Board.
2. The presence of the three members of the Prize Selection Panel shall be required for the taking of decisions. The Panel shall take decisions by a majority of its members.

Article 7 - Proposal of the Prize Selection Panel

The Prize Selection Panel, in a private meeting, shall consider the candidates for the Prize, and shall propose the name(s) of the recipient(s) of the Prize to the Executive Board. The proposal shall be considered by the Executive Board, which shall decide who the recipient(s) of the Prize shall be.

Article 8 - Administrative cost

A charge of 13% (or as otherwise established by the governing bodies of the World Health Organization) for programme support costs shall be assessed on the annual endowment provided by the Founder to the Administrator in order to help to cover the cost of the administration of the Prize.

Article 9 - The Administrator

1. The Director-General of the World Health Organization shall be the Administrator of the Prize, and shall act as the Secretary of the Prize Selection Panel.
2. The Administrator shall be responsible for:
 - (a) the execution of the decisions taken by the Prize Selection Panel within the limits of its powers, as defined in these Statutes; and
 - (b) the observance of the present Statutes and, generally, the administration of the Prize in accordance with the present Statutes.

Article 10 - Revision of the Statutes

On the proposal of one of its members, the Prize Selection Panel may propose the revision of the present Statutes. Any such proposal, if endorsed by a majority of the members of the Selection Panel, shall be submitted to the Executive Board for approval. Any revision shall be reported to the next session of the World Health Assembly.

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