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Following the recommendations of the Dr A.T. Shousha Foundation Committee at the Fiftieth Session of the Regional Committee for the Eastern Mediterranean, the Executive Board awarded the Dr A.T. Shousha Foundation Prize for 2004, by decision EB113(2), to Dr Saleh Mohammed Al-Khusaiby (Oman) for his most significant contribution to the objectives of primary health care in the geographical area in which Dr Shousha served the World Health Organization.

Dr Saleh Mohammed Al-Khusaiby, Head of Child Health Services at the Royal Hospital, Oman, is to be honoured particularly for his work in the field of child health and neonatology. He has been involved in planning the establishment of neonatology units in the country, in postgraduate medical training, and is a member of several examination boards within the Region and outside. Dr Al-Khusaiby is a member of a number of national and international committees. As a member of the Maternal and Child Health Committee, he has contributed to the development of health services for women and children, and has published widely in his field of research.

The 2004 Dr A.T. Shousha Foundation Prize and Medal will be presented to Dr Saleh Mohammed Al-Khusaiby by the Chairman of the Fifty-first Session of the Regional Committee during the opening session.

In addition, based on the recommendation of the above same Foundation Committee and by decision EB113(2), the Executive Board awarded the Dr A.T. Shousha Foundation Fellowship for 2004 for a scholarship for a Ph.D. Programme in Public Health to Dr Masoud Mostafaie (Islamic Republic of Iran). Dr Masoud Mostafaie is currently the Head of the Department of Occupational Health in the Ministry of Health and Medical Education. He is responsible for designing a surveillance system for occupational medicine in primary health care, determining prevalence and incidence indicators and supervising the national occupational medicine programme.

The Dr A.T. Shousha Foundation Committee is also scheduled to meet during the Fifty-first Session of the Regional Committee to consider nominations for the prize for 2005. In accordance with the Statutes, the Committee shall be composed of the following members: the Chairman and two Vice-Chairmen of the Regional Committee for the Eastern Mediterranean and the Chairman of its Technical Discussions.

The Director-General of the World Health Organization acts as Administrator of the Foundation and the Regional Director acts as Secretary of the Foundation Committee.