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The Forty-second Session of the Regional Committee for the Eastern Mediterranean, in October 1995, accepted the responsibility for nominating candidates for the Dr A.T. Shousha Foundation Prize (Decision No. 7), as recommended by the WHO Executive Board during its 95th Session in January 1995 (Decision EB95(5)). The Regional Committee then decided that two names would be put forward for consideration and decision by the Executive Board for the award of the Prize and that the Awards should continue to be delivered at the World Health Assembly.

This practice was followed in 1996 and in 1997, when the Dr A.T. Shousha Foundation Awards were presented in May 1996 (Laureate: Dr Abdul Ghani Arafah (Syrian Arab Republic) and in May 1997 (Laureate: Dr Mamdouh Gabr (Egypt)).

During the Executive Board Session in May 1997, the Board recommended that the Dr A.T. Shousha Foundation Prize be presented at a meeting of the Regional Committee for the Eastern Mediterranean [Decision EB100(10)]. This recommendation was approved by the Dr A.T. Shousha Foundation Committee which met in Teheran in October 1997, during the Forty-fourth Session of the Regional Committee for the Eastern Mediterranean. The Committee also agreed to amend its Statutes accordingly.

However, at its 101st Session, when the Executive Board decided to award the 1998 Prize to Dr Awad Hussein Abudejaja, (Libyan Arab Jamahiriya), it was suggested that the Regional Committee might consider that the Foundation Committee nominate only one candidate for consideration by the Board. Should this be acceptable to the Regional Committee, no changes would be required in the Statutes of the Foundation as amended in October 1997 in view of the generality of their wording in this regard.

The Dr A.T. Shousha Foundation Committee is scheduled to hold its third meeting under the new arrangements during the Forty-fifth Session of the Regional Committee. According to its 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 WHO Director-General continues to act as Administrator of the Foundation and the Regional Director acts as Secretary of the Foundation.

Finally, it is the pleasant duty of the Chairman of the Forty-fifth Session of the Regional Committee for the Eastern Mediterranean to present the 1998 Dr A.T. Shousha Foundation Medal and Prize to Dr Awad H. Abudejaja (Libyan Arab Jamahiriya) for his outstanding contribution to health promotion in the geographical area in which Dr A.T. Shousha served the World Health Organization.