

REGIONAL COMMITTEE

TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS

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GENERAL COMMENTS

The theme of the Technical Discussions* for the Sixth Session of the Western Pacific Regional Committee is:

DOMICILIARY MIDWIFERY AS AN APPROACH TO THE PEOPLE
IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF RURAL HEALTH SERVICES

This subject was authorized by the Regional Committee at its fifth session last year and was selected as a practical and specific area for discussion.

THEME INTERPRETED

It seems difficult to escape the dual implication of the theme. On one hand the importance of the approach to people in the development of rural-health services might be emphasized while just as important is the need to stress the use of domiciliary midwifery services as a spearhead for the development of rural health.

The first session of this year's Technical Discussions has been organized to place emphasis on both of these aspects of the theme. Although the representatives will be free to consider the topic in any way, it is hoped that because of their importance in the development of rural-health work neither approach will be discussed to the exclusion of the other.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

No discussion questions have been formulated for this year's Technical Discussions. The four discussion groups with the assistance of a discussion leader selected by the Chairman of the Technical Discussions will be at liberty to pursue the theme in their own manner.

*Resolution WP/RC3/R-14 adopted at the Third Regional Committee Meeting states "... the Technical Discussions be a part of the agenda in the future sessions of the Regional Committee."

WORKING PAPER

As an additional means of stimulating free discussion and to assist representatives in their preparations for the Technical Discussions, four basic working papers have been provided (WP/RC6/TD3).

DISCUSSION PROCEDURES

The procedural pattern for the Technical Discussions this year will follow the same general pattern as employed in 1953 and 1954. This method is being continued because of the favourable response from representatives attending the discussions during the past two years.

SCHEDULE

A total of two days will be given to the Technical Discussions. The first session will start on the morning (9:00 AM) of Wednesday, 14 September and continue throughout the day. Thursday morning will also be devoted to the discussions with the final summary session on Saturday morning. The schedule for the three sessions is outlined in document WP/RC6/TD2.