



REPORT OF THE LEON BERNARD FOUNDATION COMMITTEE

(Meeting of 14 January 1980)

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Award y prize*

The Léon Bernard Foundation Committee met on 14 January 1980, in accordance with Article 7 of the Statutes of the Foundation. Professor I. Doğramaci was elected Chairman of the Committee.

After reviewing the documentation received in support of the 12 candidates, and in accordance with the decision of the Joint Meeting of the Foundation Committees administered by WHO, held in May 1979, the Committee decided to propose to the Executive Board a candidate of first choice and a candidate of second choice for the award of the Léon Bernard Foundation Medal and Prize.

The candidate of first choice is Professor S. Halter, Belgium, and the candidate of second choice is Dr H. B. Turbott, New Zealand. The curricula vitae of the two candidates are submitted herewith for the Executive Board's consideration.

1. Professor S. Halter (Belgium)

Born on 3 November 1916, Professor Halter studied medicine and obtained his doctorate at the University of Brussels and later specialized in public health. During the Second World War he was Chief of the Medical Service of the Belgian Navy in the United Kingdom. He has successively held the posts of Chief of the Hospitals Service in Belgium, Director-General of Public Health, Secretary of the Higher Council of Health, and now Secretary-General of the Ministry of Public Health and the Family. Professor Halter is Professor of Public Health at the University of Brussels, where he is particularly concerned with health legislation and health planning.

As part of his responsibilities at the Ministry of Health and through his published works, Professor Halter has developed the regulations relating to hygiene, social medicine and public health in Belgium. One area to which he has devoted special attention has been that of environmental pollution and its effect on health.

Professor Halter's work in the field of social medicine and social hygiene has also found expression at WHO organizational meetings, which he has attended as head of delegation since 1970, and in WHO expert committees, which have called on his services since 1954. In May 1975 he was elected President of the Twenty-eighth World Health Assembly.

Professor Halter is the author of many publications on public health, hospitals, health planning, environmental pollution, protection against atomic radiation, etc. He holds several Belgian and foreign decorations.

2. Dr H. B. Turbott (New Zealand)

Dr Turbott was born in August 1899 and has made an outstanding contribution to preventive health both in New Zealand and internationally.

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