

STATUTES OF THE DR A.T. SHOUSHA FOUNDATION
(as amended in May 2020)

Article 1

A Committee styled the “Dr A.T. Shousha Foundation Committee” shall be formed and shall be composed of the officers of the Regional Committee for the Eastern Mediterranean, namely the Chair and two Vice-Chairs.

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

Article 2

The Dr A.T. Shousha Foundation Committee shall, in accordance with the present Statutes, propose to the Executive Board the award of the prize to be known as the “Dr A.T. Shousha Foundation Prize”, to be given to a person or institution, including nongovernmental organizations, having made the most significant contribution to any health problem in the geographical area in which Dr A.T. Shousha served the World Health Organization. The Prize shall be presented during a meeting of the Regional Committee for the Eastern Mediterranean to the recipient or, in his/her absence, to a person representing him/her.

Article 3

The "Dr A.T. Shousha Foundation Prize" shall consist of a bronze medal and a cash sum which shall be awarded not more often than once in each year from the accumulated interest on the Foundation's capital including the total cost of striking the medal. The initial value of the cash Prize shall be determined by the Foundation Committee at its first session taking into account the Foundation's capital and the anticipated annual interest. This amount may be adjusted upwards from time to time by the Foundation Committee based on changes in the capital in the Foundation, variation in interest rates, etc.

However, interest will, in the first place, be used to cover expenses incurred by the creation of the Foundation, including the manufacture of steel dies for the medal.

Accumulated interest in excess of that required for the award of the Prize in any year may, at the discretion of the Foundation Committee:

- a) be transferred to the Foundation's capital, or
- b) be used by the Foundation Committee for the granting of a fellowship, to be known as the “Dr A.T. Shousha Foundation Fellowship”, to a person, belonging to the health professions, from the geographical area referred to in Article 2, in view of obtaining a postgraduate diploma or a master in public health from an accredited institution within the geographical area referred to in Article 2, or

- c) be held in a revenue account for the purpose of the future grant of a fellowship referred to under (b).

Article 4

The Administrator shall ascertain yearly the total amount of interest accumulated since the last award of the Prize. When this interest amounts to a sufficient sum for the Prize to be awarded in accordance with the provisions of Article 3, the Secretary shall so inform the members of the Foundation Committee.

Article 5

Any national health administration in the geographical area referred to in Article 2 and any former recipient of the Prize may put forward the name of any person whose candidature is thought worthy of consideration with a view to the award of the Prize; the nomination must be accompanied by a written statement of their reasons on which it is based. The same candidature may be submitted on several occasions if unsuccessful.

Article 5 bis

Any authority referred to in Article 5 may put forward the name of any person whose candidature is thought worthy of consideration with a view to the granting of the fellowship. The proposal for the fellowship must be accompanied by the necessary background information and a statement that the qualifications obtained by the candidate will be used for the benefit of the countries in the area referred to in Article 2. The same candidature may be submitted on several occasions, if unsuccessful.

The Secretary of the Foundation will study the qualifications of the candidates as well as the possibilities of their placement and will submit his/her view to the Foundation Committee. The selection of the fellow will be made by the Executive Board on the recommendation of the Foundation Committee which will follow the procedure provided in Article 7.

Article 6

When informing the members of the Foundation Committee, in accordance with the provisions of Article 4, that the accumulated interest on the Foundation's capital enables the Prize to be awarded, the Secretary shall likewise forward to them a list of candidates proposed to him/her since the last award. He/she shall then be at liberty to regard the list as closed.

Article 6 bis

Current and former members of the WHO Secretariat are not eligible to receive the Prize, nor are deceased persons eligible. Candidates put forward in past years, but not selected, may be nominated again for the Prize.

The Prize will be awarded to the candidates thought worthy with no condition made to their age, sex, profession or nationality. The Fellowship will be awarded to candidates under the age of 35 years thought worthy with no condition made to their sex, profession or nationality.

Candidates must be nominated by the national health administration of a country of WHO's Eastern Mediterranean Region.

Article 7

The Foundation Committee shall sit in private session during sessions of the WHO Regional Committee for the Eastern Mediterranean and make, by a majority of the members present, a recommendation to the Executive Board regarding the choice for the award of the Prize. The quorum required to make such a recommendation shall be all members of the Foundation Committee. Should the Executive Board not accept any of the proposals which have been put forward, the matter should be referred back to the Foundation Committee.

Article 8

On the proposal of one of its members, the Foundation Committee may decide to revise the present Statutes. Such a decision, however, shall not be valid unless taken by a two-third majority of the membership of the Foundation Committee. Any such revision shall be transmitted for information to the next Health Assembly.

Article 9

The Administrator shall be responsible:

- 1) for the execution of the decisions taken by the Foundation Committee within the limits of its powers as defined in these Statutes, and
- 2) for the observance of the present Statutes and generally for the operation of the Foundation as limited by these Statutes.