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ESTABLISHMENT OR DISESTABLISHMENT OF EXPERT ADVISORY PANELS

1. The Expert Advisory Panel on Accident Prevention has been renamed Expert Advisory Panel on Injury and Violence Prevention and Control. The new title reflects the current broader approach to the issue.
2. The Expert Advisory Panel on Communications and Public Affairs was disestablished.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE EXPERT ADVISORY PANELS

3. Membership of the 54 expert advisory panels totalled 1676 in December 1999, compared with 1803 in December 1998. Of the 1676 experts, 257 are women.
4. A summary of numbers of panel members of WHO expert advisory panels by subject and region, as of December 1999, including women experts, is given in the table below. Further details (alphabetical list of experts giving nationality, sex and year of birth) can be made available should members of the Board so request.

MEETINGS OF EXPERT COMMITTEES

5. The following committees met in 1999:

Fifty-second Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives, Rome, 2-11 February 1999 (seven WHO members – one woman)

Expert Committee on Specifications for Pharmaceutical Preparations, Geneva, 31 May - 4 June 1999 (eight members – two women)

¹ This report is submitted to the Executive Board in compliance with regulation 4.23 of the Regulations for Expert Advisory Panels and Committees.

Fifty-third Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives, Geneva, 1-10 June 1999
(seven WHO members – one woman)

Expert Committee on Biological Standardization, Geneva, 25-29 October 1999 (eight
members – one woman)

Expert Committee on the Use of Essential Drugs, Geneva, 15-19 November 1999 (seven
members – two women)

Expert Committee on Vector Biology and Control (Chemistry and Specifications of Pesticides),
Geneva, 6-10 December 1999 (five members – no women).

6. Invitations to take part in these meetings were extended to 42 panel members from 24 different countries, drawn from seven expert advisory panels.

MEMBERSHIP OF WHO EXPERT ADVISORY PANELS BY PANEL AND REGION
(Number of panel members, as of December 1999; number of women members in square brackets)

WHO expert advisory panels	Africa	The Americas	South-East Asia	Europe	Eastern Mediterranean	Western Pacific	Total
Acute bacterial diseases	1 [0]	8 [1]	3 [0]	28 [4]	3 [0]	4 [2]	47 [7]
Acute diarrhoeal diseases and other enteric infections	0 [0]	1 [0]	4 [2]	3 [0]	0 [0]	1 [0]	9 [2]
Ageing and health	3 [3]	6 [3]	3 [1]	13 [3]	2 [1]	2 [0]	29 [11]
Biological standardization	1 [0]	10 [4]	5 [2]	20 [2]	2 [0]	6 [1]	44 [9]
Blood transfusion medicine	0 [0]	1 [0]	1 [0]	3 [1]	2 [1]	4 [2]	11 [4]
Brucellosis	0 [0]	1 [0]	0 [0]	1 [0]	0 [0]	0 [0]	2 [0]
Cancer	2 [0]	12 [3]	4 [2]	16 [0]	1 [0]	5 [1]	40 [6]
Cardiovascular diseases	8 [0]	15 [2]	9 [2]	24 [1]	5 [0]	14 [1]	75 [6]
Chronic degenerative diseases (diabetes)	4 [0]	3 [0]	3 [1]	8 [0]	1 [0]	3 [1]	22 [2]
Chronic degenerative diseases (rheumatic diseases)	0 [0]	1 [0]	1 [0]	1 [1]	0 [0]	1 [0]	4 [1]
Development of human resources for health	6 [2]	7 [2]	5 [0]	8 [0]	4 [0]	4 [0]	34 [4]
Drug dependence and alcohol problems	2 [0]	4 [2]	1 [0]	21 [6]	1 [0]	6 [2]	35 [10]
Drug dependence (dependence liability evaluation)	1 [1]	10 [0]	0 [0]	3 [0]	2 [0]	3 [1]	19 [1]
Drug evaluation	8 [1]	8 [1]	4 [1]	13 [1]	7 [1]	5 [0]	45 [5]
Drug policies and management	6 [1]	5 [1]	3 [0]	7 [0]	2 [0]	7 [1]	30 [3]
Emergency and humanitarian action	0 [0]	2 [1]	1 [0]	1 [0]	0 [0]	1 [0]	5 [1]
Environmental health	4 [0]	9 [1]	5 [0]	3 [0]	3 [0]	2 [0]	26 [1]
Food safety	4 [0]	14 [3]	2 [1]	19 [1]	1 [0]	4 [0]	44 [5]
Health and biomedical information	0 [0]	2 [0]	0 [0]	2 [0]	0 [0]	0 [0]	4 [0]
Health laboratory services	4 [1]	12 [2]	2 [1]	20 [3]	6 [2]	6 [2]	50 [11]
Health of seafarers	0 [0]	1 [0]	0 [0]	3 [0]	0 [0]	1 [0]	5 [0]
Health promotion and education	0 [0]	1 [0]	1 [1]	0 [0]	1 [1]	0 [0]	3 [2]
Health science and technology policy	5 [0]	8 [1]	3 [0]	11 [0]	1 [0]	6 [1]	34 [2]
Health situation and trend assessment	1 [0]	3 [1]	4 [0]	10 [2]	5 [1]	6 [2]	29 [6]
Human blood products and related substances	4 [0]	3 [0]	2 [1]	4 [1]	3 [1]	2 [1]	18 [4]
Human genetics	1 [0]	10 [1]	2 [0]	14 [1]	2 [0]	4 [1]	33 [3]
Human reproduction	0 [0]	1 [1]	2 [0]	4 [0]	0 [0]	2 [2]	9 [3]

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Immunology	0 [0]	8 [0]	5 [1]	14 [0]	3 [1]	4 [0]	34 [2]
Injury and violence prevention and control	2 [0]	9 [3]	1 [0]	7 [2]	0 [0]	2 [0]	21 [5]
International pharmacopoeia and pharmaceutical preparations	14 [0]	10 [5]	6 [2]	25 [6]	6 [0]	9 [0]	70 [13]
Leprosy	2 [0]	7 [1]	7 [0]	9 [1]	2 [0]	4 [1]	31 [3]
Malaria	4 [0]	5 [0]	11 [1]	16 [0]	6 [0]	3 [0]	45 [1]
Maternal and child health	2 [1]	5 [0]	5 [2]	4 [2]	8 [3]	6 [3]	30 [11]
Mental health	8 [1]	16 [2]	6 [3]	32 [5]	6 [1]	14 [3]	82 [15]
Neurosciences	1 [0]	3 [0]	2 [1]	11 [1]	2 [0]	4 [0]	23 [2]
Nursing	6 [5]	12 [12]	4 [4]	3 [3]	6 [6]	5 [5]	36 [35]
Nutrition	1 [0]	9 [1]	6 [1]	14 [2]	4 [1]	5 [1]	39 [6]
Occupational health	6 [0]	9 [1]	3 [1]	19 [1]	12 [1]	14 [2]	63 [6]
Oral health	4 [1]	4 [1]	5 [2]	15 [2]	3 [0]	6 [0]	37 [6]
Organization of medical care	2 [0]	3 [0]	2 [0]	10 [0]	1 [0]	1 [0]	19 [0]
Parasitic diseases (filarial infections)	4 [1]	3 [1]	2 [0]	6 [0]	0 [0]	2 [1]	17 [3]
Parasitic diseases (general parasitology)	3 [0]	5 [1]	3 [0]	11 [0]	1 [0]	2 [0]	25 [1]
Parasitic diseases (leishmaniasis)	0 [0]	1 [0]	2 [0]	9 [0]	0 [0]	0 [0]	12 [0]
Parasitic diseases (schistosomiasis)	2 [0]	9 [0]	1 [0]	6 [0]	4 [0]	8 [0]	30 [0]
Parasitic diseases (trypanosomiasis)	1 [0]	7 [1]	0 [0]	4 [0]	0 [0]	0 [0]	12 [1]
Prevention of blindness	2 [1]	7 [2]	3 [0]	6 [1]	3 [0]	7 [0]	28 [4]
Prevention of deafness and hearing impairment	2 [0]	3 [0]	2 [1]	4 [1]	2 [0]	3 [0]	16 [2]
Public health administration	6 [1]	7 [1]	5 [1]	8 [0]	9 [0]	4 [0]	39 [3]
Rabies	2 [0]	3 [0]	1 [0]	1 [0]	1 [0]	0 [0]	8 [0]
Radiation	1 [0]	5 [0]	4 [2]	10 [0]	1 [0]	5 [1]	26 [3]
Rehabilitation	0 [0]	2 [0]	1 [1]	0 [0]	1 [0]	3 [1]	7 [2]
Respiratory infections	0 [0]	0 [0]	0 [0]	1 [0]	0 [0]	3 [0]	4 [0]
Sexually transmitted infections including those due to human immunodeficiency virus	2 [0]	6 [1]	2 [0]	5 [1]	0 [0]	4 [0]	19 [2]
Tobacco or health	1 [0]	3 [0]	4 [1]	5 [2]	1 [0]	4 [0]	18 [3]
Traditional medicine	5 [0]	5 [1]	4 [1]	0 [0]	1 [0]	6 [1]	21 [3]
Tuberculosis	2 [1]	3 [0]	0 [0]	2 [0]	0 [0]	4 [0]	11 [1]

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Vector biology and control	4 [0]	11 [0]	7 [2]	18 [3]	4 [0]	11 [1]	55 [6]
Virus diseases	2 [0]	11 [0]	8 [2]	33 [4]	4 [0]	11 [1]	69 [7]
Virus diseases (antivirals and interferon)	0 [0]	2 [0]	0 [0]	6 [0]	0 [0]	0 [0]	8 [0]
Zoonoses	0 [0]	2 [0]	4 [1]	6 [1]	1 [0]	2 [0]	15 [2]
Total	156 [20]	353 [64]	186 [45]	580 [65]	146 [21]	255 [42]	1 67 [257]

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