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ESTABLISHMENT OR DISESTABLISHMENT OF EXPERT ADVISORY PANELS

1. The WHO Expert Advisory Panel on Human Cell, Tissue and Organ Transplantation was established. The WHO expert advisory panels on health situation and trend assessment, on organization of medical care, and on public health administration were disestablished.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE EXPERT ADVISORY PANELS

2. Membership of the 52 expert advisory panels totalled 880 in December 2004, compared with 1064 in December 2003. Of the regional distribution of all members of all panels, 8% come from the African Region, 24% from the Region of the Americas, 10% from the South-East Asia Region, 37% from the European Region, 9% from the Eastern Mediterranean Region and 12% from the Western Pacific Region. Of the total of all members of all panels, 21% are women.

3. Attached is a list of all panels, which includes a breakdown of members by panel, region and sex, as of December 2004. Further details (alphabetical list of experts giving nationality) can be made available should members of the Board so request.

MEETINGS OF EXPERT COMMITTEES

4. The following committees met in 2004:

Advisory Committee on Health Research (42nd Session), Geneva, 3-5 May (11 members: eight men, three women); (43rd Session), Geneva, 16-20 November (14 members: 11 men, three 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.

Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (62nd Session), Rome, 4-12 February 2004 (five WHO members: five men); (63rd Session) Geneva, 8-17 June (eight WHO members: five men, three women)

Expert Committee on Biological Standardization, Geneva, 15-18 November (nine members: eight men, one woman)

Expert Committee on Specifications for Pharmaceutical Preparations, Geneva 25-29 October (10 members: six men, four women)

5. Invitations to take part in these meetings were extended to 57 panel members from 26 different countries, drawn from 10 expert advisory panels (three members were unable to attend).

MEMBERSHIP OF WHO EXPERT ADVISORY PANELS BY PANEL AND REGION

Numbers of panel members, as of December 2004

WHO expert advisory panels	Africa		The Americas		South-East Asia		Europe		Eastern Mediterranean		Western Pacific		Total		
	N	W	N	W	N	W	N	W	N	W	N	W	N	W	%
Acute bacterial diseases	0	0	4	0	1	0	5	0	2	0	0	0	12	0	0
Acute diarrhoeal diseases and other enteric infections	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	4	2	50
Ageing and health	2	2	4	3	1	0	11	2	2	1	1	0	21	8	38
Biological standardization	0	0	8	2	1	0	14	2	1	0	1	0	25	4	16
Blood transfusion medicine	3	0	3	2	2	1	5	1	3	2	2	1	18	7	39
Brucellosis	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Cancer	0	0	9	2	2	1	7	0	0	0	0	0	18	3	17
Cardiovascular diseases	2	0	3	0	2	0	7	0	3	0	4	0	21	0	0
Chronic degenerative diseases (diabetes)	2	0	3	0	1	1	7	1	1	0	2	0	16	2	13
Chronic degenerative diseases (rheumatic diseases)	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Clinical surgical procedures	1	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	7	0	0
Development of human resources for health	1	1	3	1	2	0	7	0	3	0	2	0	18	2	11
Drug dependence (dependence liability evaluation)	0	0	6	1	0	0	2	0	2	0	4	1	14	2	14
Drug dependence and alcohol problems	0	0	3	2	1	0	9	3	1	0	4	1	18	6	33
Drug evaluation	4	1	6	2	4	2	9	3	5	1	2	2	30	11	37
Drug policies and management	6	2	5	0	4	1	8	5	1	0	8	3	32	11	34
Food safety	4	0	16	4	2	1	15	1	0	0	5	0	42	6	14
Health laboratory services	3	0	6	1	1	1	12	3	5	2	2	1	29	8	28
Health promotion and education	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	100
Health science and technology policy	4	2	5	1	2	1	5	0	1	0	4	2	21	6	29
Human genetics	2	0	7	1	2	0	11	1	2	1	2	0	26	3	12
Human reproduction	0	0	1	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	5	2	40
Immunology	0	0	5	0	3	0	7	0	1	0	3	0	19	0	0
Injury and violence prevention and control	0	0	4	1	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	7	2	29
International pharmacopoeia and pharmaceutical preparations	8	1	11	8	2	2	29	10	5	0	9	0	64	21	33
Leprosy	0	0	4	0	4	0	4	1	2	0	1	0	15	1	7
Malaria	1	0	2	0	3	0	13	0	2	0	2	0	23	0	0
Maternal and child health	0	0	3	0	2	0	0	0	5	2	1	1	11	3	27

WHO expert advisory panels	Africa		The Americas		South-East Asia		Europe		Eastern Mediterranean		Western Pacific		Total		
	N	W	N	W	N	W	N	W	N	W	N	W	N	W	%
Mental health	1	0	7	1	4	2	16	2	2	0	6	3	36	8	22
Neurosciences	1	0	1	0	1	1	7	1	0	0	0	0	10	2	20
Nursing	2	2	4	4	4	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	19	19	100
Nutrition	0	0	5	0	1	0	5	2	5	2	4	0	20	4	20
Oral health	2	0	1	0	3	1	9	1	2	0	2	0	19	2	11
Parasitic diseases (filarial infections)	3	1	1	0	2	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	10	1	10
Parasitic diseases (general parasitology)	3	0	7	2	2	1	15	2	2	0	3	0	32	5	16
Parasitic diseases (leishmaniasis)	0	0	1	0	1	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	0
Parasitic diseases (schistosomiasis)	2	0	7	0	0	0	9	0	3	1	7	0	28	1	4
Parasitic diseases (trypanosomiasis)	1	0	10	5	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	18	5	28
Prevention of blindness	2	1	6	2	2	0	4	0	2	0	5	0	21	3	14
Prevention of deafness and hearing impairment	0	0	3	0	1	1	4	1	1	0	2	0	11	2	18
Rabies	1	0	3	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	8	0	0
Radiation	0	0	2	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	6	0	0
Rehabilitation	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0
Respiratory infections	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0
Sexually transmitted infections including those due to human immunodeficiency virus	1	0	6	1	1	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	12	2	17
Traditional medicine	2	0	4	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	9	2	22
Tuberculosis	4	2	6	1	2	0	7	3	3	1	5	1	27	8	30
Vector biology and control	2	0	8	0	5	2	14	2	3	0	6	1	38	5	13
Virus diseases	1	0	4	0	3	1	5	0	0	0	1	0	14	1	7
Virus diseases (antivirals and interferon)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Zoonoses	0	0	2	0	2	0	3	0	0	0	1	0	8	0	0
Total	71	15	214	49	86	26	321	52	79	17	109	22	880	181	21
		21%		23%		30%		16%		16%		20%			

N: total number of panel members; W: number of women members; %: total number of panel members who are women.