

Reports of advisory bodies

Expert committees and study groups

Expert advisory panels and committees and their membership

Report by the Secretariat¹

ESTABLISHMENT OR DISESTABLISHMENT OF EXPERT ADVISORY PANELS

1. The Expert Panels on Human Reproduction and on Maternal and Child Health have been disestablished.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE EXPERT ADVISORY PANELS

2. Membership of the 50 expert advisory panels totalled 734 in December 2007, coincidentally the same figure as in December 2006. With regard to the regional distribution of all panel members, 10% come from the African Region, 22% from the Region of the Americas, 10% from South-East Asia Region, 34% from the European Region, 11% from the Eastern Mediterranean Region and 13% from the Western Pacific Region. Women account for 23% of all panel members.

3. The annexed list of all panels includes a breakdown of members by panel, region and sex, as of December 2007. An alphabetical list of experts giving nationality is available to members of the Board on request.

MEETINGS OF EXPERT COMMITTEES

4. The following committees met in 2007:

Subcommittee on the Selection and Use of Essential Medicines (1st meeting), Geneva, 9–13 July 2007 (seven WHO members: five men, 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.

Expert Committee on the Selection and Use of Essential Medicines (15th meeting), Geneva, 19–23 March 2007 (13 WHO members: four men, nine women); (16th meeting), Geneva, 25–26 October 2007 (18 WHO members: 10 men, eight women)

Expert Committee on Specification for Pharmaceutical Preparations (42nd meeting), Geneva, 15–19 October 2007 (nine WHO members: six men, three women)

Advisory Committee on Health Research (47th meeting), Geneva, 4–6 June 2007 (12 WHO members: nine men, three women); (48th meeting), Manila, 20–21 November 2007 (12 WHO members: seven men, five women)

Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (68th meeting), Geneva, 19–28 June 2007 (eight members: five men, three women)

Expert Committee on Biological Standardization, 19–28 June 2007 (10 members: seven men, three women).

5. Invitations to take part in these meetings were extended to 89 panel members (10 members were unable to attend) from 37 different countries, drawn from eight expert advisory panels.

ANNEX

MEMBERSHIP OF EXPERT ADVISORY PANELS BY PANEL AND REGION

Number of panel members, as of December 2007*

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	2	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0
Acute diarrhoeal diseases and other enteric infections	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	50
Ageing and health	1	1	2	2	0	0	6	0	2	1	0	0	11	4	36
Biological standardization	0	0	7	1	3	1	12	2	2	1	5	1	29	6	21
Blood transfusion medicine	8	2	3	1	1	1	5	1	4	2	3	2	24	9	38
Cancer	0	0	7	1	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	12	1	8
Cardiovascular diseases	2	0	3	0	2	0	6	0	3	0	4	0	20	0	0
Chronic degenerative diseases (diabetes)	2	0	3	0	1	1	6	0	1	0	1	0	14	1	7
Chronic degenerative diseases (rheumatic diseases)	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	3	1	33
Clinical surgical procedures	1	0	3	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	7	0	0
Drug dependence (dependence liability evaluation)	0	0	6	2	2	1	5	0	1	0	4	1	18	4	22
Drug dependence and alcohol problems	2	0	5	2	3	1	9	2	1	0	6	1	26	6	23
Drug evaluation	7	1	7	3	5	4	9	4	10	5	6	3	44	20	45
Drug policies and management	5	2	3	1	2	2	10	6	2	0	6	3	28	14	50
Food safety	1	0	10	5	2	1	13	1	0	0	6	0	32	7	22
Health laboratory services	3	0	4	1	0	0	7	2	5	2	1	1	20	6	30
Health science and technology policy	5	3	2	1	2	1	4	1	4	1	3	2	20	9	45
Human cell, tissue and organ transplanation	0	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	5	0	0
Human genetics	2	0	6	1	2	0	10	2	2	1	1	0	23	4	17
Immunology	0	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	2	0	7	1	14
Injury and violence prevention and control	0	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0
International pharmacopoeia and pharmaceutical preparations	11	0	8	6	2	2	24	9	9	3	10	2	64	22	34
Leprosy	0	0	2	0	4	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	10	0	0
Malaria	0	0	2	0	2	0	10	0	2	0	0	0	16	0	0
Mental health	1	0	5	0	4	2	15	2	2	0	5	2	32	6	19
Neurosciences	0	0	0	0	1	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	5	1	20
Nursing	0	0	1	1	2	2	0	0	2	2	1	1	6	6	100

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	%
Nutrition	0	0	5	0	2	1	3	1	5	2	3	0	18	4	22
Oral health	2	0	1	0	3	1	9	1	2	0	2	0	19	2	11
Parasitic diseases (filarial infections)	5	0	5	0	7	3	2	0	1	0	1	0	21	3	14
Parasitic diseases (general parasitology)	3	0	6	3	1	1	12	2	2	0	3	0	27	6	22
Parasitic diseases (leishmaniasis)	0	0	1	0	1	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	0
Parasitic diseases (schistosomiasis)	2	0	6	0	0	0	8	0	3	1	5	0	24	1	4
Parasitic diseases (trypanosomiasis)	1	0	9	5	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	14	5	36
Prevention of blindness	1	1	5	2	0	0	3	0	2	0	2	0	13	3	23
Prevention of deafness and hearing impairment	0	0	3	0	1	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	7	1	14
Rabies	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	5	0	0
Radiation	0	0	2	1	0	0	4	0	1	0	0	0	7	1	14
Rehabilitation	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0
Respiratory infections	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
Sexually transmitted infections including those due to human immunodeficiency virus	0	0	3	1	0	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	7	2	29
Traditional medicine	3	0	4	1	1	0	4	0	1	0	5	1	18	2	11
Tuberculosis	4	2	6	1	2	0	5	2	1	1	4	1	22	7	32
Vector biology and control	1	0	3	0	3	1	11	2	2	0	6	1	26	4	15
Virus diseases	1	0	2	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	5	1	20
Virus diseases (antivirals and interferon)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Zoonoses	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	0
Total	74	12	161	42	71	30	249	42	81	23	98	22	734	171	23
		16%		26%		42%		17%		17%		22%			

* N denotes total number of panel members, W the number of women members, and % the percentage of women panel members by panel and region.