

Foundations and awards

Awards, including the proposal from the Republic of Korea to establish the Dr LEE Jong-wook Memorial Prize for Public Health

PROPOSAL

1. The Republic of Korea¹ has generously proposed an annual endowment of US\$ 100 000 for the institution of an award, within the framework of WHO, entitled the “Dr LEE Jong-wook Memorial Prize for Public Health”.
2. The award is proposed to be given annually to persons or organizations for their contribution in the following areas: research into and prevention, treatment and control of HIV/AIDS; research into and control of communicable diseases; or control of neglected tropical diseases.

BACKGROUND

3. The Director-General is the administrator of eight of the 14 foundation prizes, grants and fellowships administered by WHO (see Annex); the regional offices administer the remaining six.
4. These foundations have been generally founded by, or in memory of, eminent health personalities. The Darling Foundation Prize and Léon Bernard Foundation Prize are both a legacy of the League of Nations, whereas the others have been created since the establishment of WHO. Although the Darling Foundation and the Jacques Parisot Foundation are administered by the Director-General, they were both established under the laws of Switzerland.
5. With the exception of the Francesco Pocchiari Fellowship, the procedure for the award of prizes is similar. Any national health authority or a previous laureate can nominate a candidate for a prize. For each award, there is a committee and/or selection panel, usually consisting of the Chairman, one of the Vice-Chairmen, an additional member of the Board, and/or a representative designated by the founder.

¹ Korean Foundation for International Healthcare – Dr Lee Jong-Wook Memorial Fund.

6. The usual procedure is for the committees or panels to recommend one or more candidates to the Board, which makes the final selection. The prizes are formally awarded to the laureates during the Health Assembly or during the sessions of the Regional Committee.

ACTION BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

7. The Board is invited to consider the proposal of the Republic of Korea to establish an award for research in the areas of HIV/AIDS, communicable diseases and neglected tropical diseases.

8. Should the Board approve in principle the establishment of an award, the proposed Statutes would be drafted in cooperation with the Republic of Korea and submitted for the approval of the Board, together with recommendations for covering the administrative costs incurred with respect to such an award.

ANNEX

Award	Membership of committee/selection panel and secretary	Selection made by	Amount, frequency and method of award
<p>Darling Foundation Prize for outstanding achievements in the pathology, etiology, epidemiology, therapy, prophylaxis or control of malaria</p> <p>Established: 1948 in WHO, but earlier in the League of Nations</p> <p>Capital: CHF 10 000</p>	<p>Foundation Committee: Chairman and Vice-Chairmen of the Executive Board and the Chairman of the Expert Committee on Malaria</p> <p>Secretary: Director-General</p>	Executive Board	<p>CHF 2500 and a bronze medal, awarded when the interest amounts to a sufficient sum</p> <p>Ceremony at Health Assembly</p>
<p>Léon Bernard Foundation Prize for outstanding service in the field of social medicine</p> <p>Established: 1948</p> <p>Capital: CHF 19 000</p>	<p>Foundation Committee: Chairman and Vice-Chairmen of the Executive Board and a member of the Board</p> <p>Secretary: Director-General</p>	Executive Board	<p>CHF 2500 and a bronze medal, awarded when the interest amounts to a sufficient sum (in practice biennially, in odd years)</p> <p>Ceremony at Health Assembly</p>
<p>Dr A.T. Shousha Foundation Prize for the most significant contribution to any health problem in the geographical area in which Dr A.T. Shousha served the World Health Organization</p> <p>Established: 1966</p> <p>Capital: US\$ 60 816 Prize and Fellowship</p>	<p>Chairman and Vice-Chairmen of the Regional Committee for the Eastern Mediterranean and the Chairman of the Regional Committee Technical Discussions</p> <p>Secretary: Regional Director for the Eastern Mediterranean Region</p>	Executive Board	<p>CHF 2500 and a bronze medal, awarded when the interest amounts to a sufficient sum (in practice every year)</p> <p>Ceremony at the Regional Committee for the Eastern Mediterranean</p>

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<p>Dr A.T. Shousha Foundation Fellowship to enable the fellow to obtain a post-graduate diploma or a master's degree in public health</p> <p>Established: 1966</p>	As for Prize	Executive Board	<p>US\$ 15 000, awarded whenever accumulated interest in excess of that required for the award of the Prize is sufficient (in principle approximately every six years)</p> <p>Letter to laureate</p>
<p>Jacques Pariset Foundation Fellowship for research in social medicine or public health</p> <p>Established: 1969</p> <p>Capital: CHF 100 000</p>	<p>Foundation Committee: Chairman and Vice-Chairmen of the Executive Board and a member of the Board</p> <p>Selection Panel: Chairman of the Executive Board and a member of the Foundation Committee</p> <p>Secretary: Director-General</p>	Executive Board	<p>US\$ 5000 and a bronze medal, awarded every two years (even years) (regional offices are invited in turn to submit candidatures)</p> <p>Letter to laureate. The following year, the laureate is invited to present the results of his/her research before the Health Assembly and to receive the medal</p>
<p>Ihsan Dogramaci Family Health Foundation Prize for service in the field of family health</p> <p>Established: 1980</p> <p>Capital: US\$ 400 000 Prize and Fellowship</p>	<p>Selection Panel: Chairman of the Executive Board, the President Bilkent University, Turkey, or his appointee, and a representative of the International Children's Center (Ankara)</p> <p>Secretary: Director-General</p>	Executive Board	<p>A gold-plated silver medal, a certificate and US\$ 20 000, awarded every two years (even years)</p> <p>Ceremony at Health Assembly</p>
<p>Ihsan Dogramaci Family Health Foundation Fellowship for research in family health</p> <p>Established: 1980</p>	As for Prize	Executive Board	<p>A certificate and amount of US\$ 20 000 every two years (odd years)</p>

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<p>Sasakawa Health Prize for innovative work in health development, in order to encourage the further development of such work</p> <p>Established: 1984</p> <p>Capital: US\$ 1 million (invested by Sasakawa Memorial Health Foundation)</p>	<p>Selection Panel: Chairman and a member of the Executive Board and a representative appointed by the Founder</p> <p>(Technical assessment by Secretariat)</p> <p>Secretary: Director-General</p>	Executive Board	<p>US\$ 100 000, awarded annually in principle (generally shared between two or three individuals and/or institutions) and a statuette. The exact sum of money for each laureate is determined by the Prize Selection Panel</p> <p>Support costs assessed (13% of award) to help cover cost of administration</p> <p>Ceremony at Health Assembly</p>
<p>Dr Comlan A.A. Quenum Prize for Public Health for the most significant contribution to any health problem in the geographical area in which Dr Quenum served WHO</p> <p>Established: 1987</p> <p>Capital: CFA 1 400 000</p>	<p>Prize Committee: Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Programme Sub-Committee of the Regional Committee, two representatives of the African Advisory Committee for Health Development, and the Regional Director for Africa</p> <p>Secretary: Regional Director for Africa</p>	Programme Sub-Committee of the Regional Committee for Africa. In case of non-agreement on choice of candidate, the matter is referred to the Regional Committee for Africa for decision	<p>US\$ 2000 (which may be adjusted upwards from time to time by the Prize Committee) and a medal, awarded every two years (odd years)</p> <p>Ceremony at the Regional Committee for Africa</p>
<p>Francesco Pocchiari Fellowship to enable researchers from developing countries to visit other countries in order to obtain new experience relevant to their own research</p> <p>Established: 1991</p> <p>Capital: US\$ 104 960</p>	<p>Fellowship Committee: Director of the Istituto Superiore di Sanità, Rome, and four members of the Global ACHR, selected by the ACHR Chairman</p> <p>Meeting takes place during the ACHR meeting</p> <p>Secretary: Director-General</p>	Executive Board	<p>Awarded every two years (odd years) for one or two travelling fellowships, if accumulated interest allows. US\$ 10 000 per researcher</p> <p>Letter to laureate. Name announced at a public meeting of Health Assembly</p>

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<p>United Arab Emirates Health Foundation Prize for outstanding contribution to health development</p> <p>Established: 1994</p> <p>Capital: US\$ 1 million</p>	<p>Selection Panel: Chairman of the Executive Board, a member of the Board, and a representative appointed by the Founder</p> <p>Secretary: Director-General</p>	Executive Board	<p>A certificate and a plaque, and a sum of money not exceeding US\$ 40 000, awarded when the interest amounts to a sufficient sum (in practice every year)</p> <p>Support costs assessed (13% of award) to help cover cost of administration</p> <p>Ceremony at Health Assembly</p>
<p>Down Syndrome Research Prize in the Eastern Mediterranean Region for research in Down's syndrome</p> <p>Established: 1999</p> <p>Capital: US\$ 50 000</p>	<p>Foundation Committee: Chairman and Vice-Chairmen of the Regional Committee for the Eastern Mediterranean, the Chairman of the Regional Committee Technical Discussions, and a representative of the Founder</p> <p>Secretary: Regional Director for the Eastern Mediterranean</p>	Regional Committee for the Eastern Mediterranean	<p>A prize comprising of a bronze medal, and a cash sum, awarded once every two years, funds permitting, from the accumulated interest on the Foundation's capital</p> <p>A grant, funds permitting, from the interest accumulated on the Foundation's capital</p> <p>Ceremony at the Regional Committee for the Eastern Mediterranean</p>
<p>State of Kuwait Prize for the Control of Cancer, Cardiovascular Diseases and Diabetes, in the Eastern Mediterranean Region for outstanding contribution to cancer control, cardiovascular disease control or diabetes control</p> <p>Established: 2003</p> <p>Capital: US\$ 300 000</p>	<p>Foundation Committee: Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Regional Committee for the Eastern Mediterranean, the Chairman of the Regional Committee Technical Discussions, and a representative of the Founder</p> <p>Secretary: Regional Director for the Eastern Mediterranean</p>	Regional Committee for the Eastern Mediterranean	<p>A prize consisting of a bronze medal and a sum of money, awarded annually, funds permitting, from the income accrued on the capital of the Foundation</p> <p>Ceremony at the Regional Committee for the Eastern Mediterranean</p>

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<p>State of Kuwait Prize for Research in Health Promotion for outstanding contribution to research in health promotion</p> <p>Established: 2004</p> <p>Capital: US\$ 1 million</p>	<p>Selection Panel: Chairman of the Executive Board, a member of the Board, and a representative appointed by the Founder</p> <p>Secretary: Director-General</p>	Executive Board	<p>A certificate and a plaque, and a sum of money not exceeding US\$ 40 000, awarded when the interest amounts to a sufficient sum (in practice every year)</p> <p>Support costs assessed (13% of award) to help cover cost of administration</p> <p>Ceremony at Health Assembly</p>