

## **Reports of advisory bodies**

### **Expert committees and study groups**

#### **Expert advisory panels and committees and their membership**

##### **Report by the Secretariat<sup>1</sup>**

#### **ESTABLISHMENT OR DISESTABLISHMENT OF EXPERT ADVISORY PANELS**

1. The following Expert Panels have been disestablished: the Expert Advisory Panel on Brucellosis, and the Expert Advisory Panel on Chronic Degenerative Diseases (Rheumatic Diseases). The Expert Advisory Panel on Medicine Safety has been established.

#### **MEMBERSHIP OF THE EXPERT ADVISORY PANELS**

2. Membership of the 47 expert advisory panels totalled 781 in December 2009, compared with 738 in December 2008. In terms of regional distribution, 11% of panel members come from the African Region, 24% from the Region of the Americas, 9% from the South-East Asia Region, 32% from the European Region, 11% from the Eastern Mediterranean Region and 13% from the Western Pacific Region. Women account for 27% of the total number of panel members.

3. The annexed list of all panels includes a breakdown of members by panel, region and sex, as at December 2009. Further details (lists of experts by region and country) are available on request.

#### **MEETINGS OF EXPERT COMMITTEES**

4. The following committees met in 2009:

Advisory Committee on Health Research (51st session), Geneva, 16–18 March 2009 (14 members: nine men, five women); (52nd session), Panama City, 11–14 November 2009 (14 members: nine men, five women)

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<sup>1</sup> 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 Biological Standardization (60th meeting), Geneva, 19–23 October 2009  
(10 members: seven men, three women)

Expert Committee on the Selection and Use of Essential Medicines (17th meeting), Geneva,  
23–27 March 2009 (14 members: eight men, six women)

Expert Committee on Specifications for Pharmaceutical Preparations (44th meeting), Geneva,  
12–16 October 2009 (10 members: seven men, three women)

Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (71st meeting), Geneva, 16–24 June 2009  
(six WHO members: four men, two women)

5. Invitations to take part in these meetings were extended to 68 panel members from 30 different countries, drawn from six expert advisory panels. Eleven of the members invited were unable to attend.

# ANNEX

## MEMBERSHIP OF EXPERT ADVISORY PANELS BY PANEL AND REGION

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	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0
Ageing and health	1	1	2	2	0	0	6	0	2	1	0	0	11	4	36
Biological standardization	0	0	7	1	2	1	10	0	1	1	2	0	22	3	14
Blood transfusion medicine	8	2	2	1	1	1	6	1	4	2	3	2	24	9	38
Cancer	0	0	7	1	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	11	1	9
Cardiovascular diseases	2	0	3	0	2	0	6	0	3	0	4	0	20	0	0
Chronic degenerative diseases (diabetes)	2	0	2	0	1	1	4	0	1	0	1	0	11	1	9
Clinical practice guidelines and clinical research methods and ethics	1	0	9	3	2	0	6	4	0	0	3	3	21	10	48
Clinical surgical procedures	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	5	0	0
Drug dependence (dependence liability evaluation)	0	0	5	2	2	1	5	0	1	0	3	1	16	4	25
Drug dependence and alcohol problems	2	0	5	2	3	1	7	2	2	0	7	1	26	6	23
Drug evaluation	7	1	13	6	5	5	9	4	9	4	7	3	50	23	46
Drug policies and management	5	2	3	1	2	2	9	5	2	0	5	2	26	12	46
Food safety	1	0	10	5	2	1	10	1	0	0	6	0	29	7	24
Health laboratory services	3	0	2	0	0	0	5	2	5	2	1	1	16	5	31
Health promotion	5	2	6	5	4	2	6	3	3	2	5	2	29	16	55
Health science and technology policy	6	3	4	2	2	1	5	1	4	1	3	2	24	10	42
Human cell, tissue and organ transplantation	0	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	5	0	0
Human genetics	2	0	5	1	2	0	10	2	2	1	1	0	22	4	18
Immunology	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	6	1	17
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	13	2	11	8	1	1	31	14	8	3	8	2	72	30	42
Leprosy	0	0	1	0	4	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	9	0	0

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	%
Malaria	0	0	2	0	2	0	9	0	1	0	0	0	14	0	0
Medicine safety	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mental health	1	0	4	0	3	1	11	0	2	0	4	2	25	3	12
Neurosciences	0	0	0	0	1	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	5	1	20
Nursing	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	2	2	0	0	4	4	100
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	1	5	0	6	3	2	0	1	0	2	0	21	4	19
Parasitic diseases (general parasitology)	2	0	6	3	1	1	10	2	1	0	3	0	23	6	26
Parasitic diseases (leishmaniasis)	0	0	5	3	4	1	11	1	3	0	0	0	23	5	22
Parasitic diseases (schistosomiasis)	1	0	6	0	0	0	5	0	2	1	4	0	18	1	6
Parasitic diseases (trypanosomiasis)	1	0	8	4	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	12	4	33
Prevention of blindness	1	1	5	2	0	0	3	0	2	0	1	0	12	3	25
Prevention of deafness and hearing impairment	0	0	2	0	1	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	6	1	17
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
Sexually transmitted infections including those due to human immunodeficiency virus	5	0	5	3	3	2	5	2	5	1	4	0	27	8	30
Traditional medicine	5	0	4	1	1	0	4	0	2	0	9	1	25	2	8
Tuberculosis	3	1	6	1	2	0	3	1	1	1	3	1	18	5	28
Vector biology and control	0	0	5	2	3	1	12	2	2	0	6	2	28	7	25
Virus diseases	1	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0
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	0	0	2	0	0
<b>Total</b>	85	16	184	61	74	31	247	49	88	25	103	25	781	207	27
		19%		33%		42%		20%		28%		24%			

Number of panel members as at December 2009 where N denotes total number of panel members, W the number of women members, and % the percentage of women panel members by panel and region. The figures reflect the total number of experts.

Members with more than one nationality are listed in all relevant panels, however they are counted only once in this total.