

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. There are no changes in status to report for 2010.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE EXPERT ADVISORY PANELS

2. Membership of the 47 expert advisory panels totalled 795 in December 2010 (see Annex), compared with 781 in December 2009. In terms of regional distribution, 12% of panel members come from the African Region, 22% from the Region of the Americas, 10% from the South-East Asia Region, 31% from the European Region, 11% from the Eastern Mediterranean Region and 14% from the Western Pacific Region. Of the total panel members, 28% are women.

3. The annexed list of all panels includes a breakdown on members by panel, region and sex, as at December 2010. Further details (lists of experts by region and country) are available on request.

MEETINGS OF EXPERT COMMITTEES

4. The following committees met in 2010:

Advisory Committee on Health Research (53rd session), Geneva, 3–5 May 2010 (15 members: ten men, five 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 Biological Standardization (61st meeting), Geneva, 18–22 October 2010 (10 members: seven men, three women)

Expert Committee on Leprosy (8th Meeting), Geneva, 12–19 October 2010 (10 members: eight men, two women)

Expert Committee on Specifications for Pharmaceutical Preparations (45th meeting), Geneva, 18–22 October 2010 (11 members: nine men, two women)

Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (72nd meeting), Rome, 16–25 February 2010 (six WHO members: six men); (73rd meeting), Geneva, 8–17 June 2010 (six WHO members: five men, one woman)

WHO Expert Committee on the Control of the Leishmaniasis, Geneva, 22–26 March 2010 (24 members: nineteen men, five women)

WHO Expert Committee on the Selection and Use of Essential Medicines – Emergency Session, Geneva, 15 January 2010 (seven members: four men, three women)

5. Invitations to take part in these meetings were extended to 89 panel members from 38 different countries, drawn from eight expert advisory panels. Ten 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	6	1	1	1	9	0	1	1	1	0	18	3	17
Blood transfusion medicine	10	4	4	2	6	3	11	3	6	3	5	4	42	19	45
Cancer	0	0	5	1	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	9	1	11
Cardiovascular diseases	1	0	3	0	2	0	6	0	3	0	4	0	19	0	0
Chronic degenerative diseases (diabetes)	1	0	2	0	1	1	4	0	1	0	1	0	10	1	10
Clinical practice guidelines and clinical research methods and ethics	1	0	9	3	3	0	10	5	1	1	3	3	27	12	44
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	15	6	5	5	12	5	9	4	6	2	54	23	43
Drug policies and management	12	4	3	1	2	2	7	4	1	0	9	6	34	17	50
Food safety	1	0	10	5	1	1	10	1	0	0	6	0	28	7	25
Health laboratory services	3	0	2	0	0	0	4	1	5	2	1	1	15	4	27
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	1	0	6	0	0
Human genetics	2	0	4	0	2	0	10	2	2	1	0	0	20	3	15
Immunology	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	4	1	25
Injury and violence prevention and control	2	1	5	2	2	0	3	1	0	0	2	1	14	5	36
International pharmacopoeia and pharmaceutical preparations	13	2	9	7	1	1	26	11	8	3	8	2	65	26	40

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	%
Leprosy	2	1	2	1	4	0	2	0	1	0	2	0	13	2	15
Malaria	0	0	2	0	2	0	9	0	1	0	0	0	14	0	0
Medicine safety	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	2	0	0	2	0	7	2	29
Mental health	1	0	3	0	3	1	7	0	2	0	3	1	19	2	11
Neurosciences	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	25
Nursing	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	2	2	0	0	4	4	10
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	5	1	11	1	3	0	0	0	24	5	21
Parasitic diseases (schistosomiasis)	1	0	5	0	0	0	5	0	2	1	3	0	16	1	6
Parasitic diseases (trypanosomiasis)	0	0	5	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	7	2	29
Prevention of blindness	1	1	3	1	0	0	3	0	2	0	1	0	10	2	20
Prevention of deafness and hearing impairment	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	4	1	25
Rabies	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	5	0	0
Radiation	0	0	2	1	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	5	1	20
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	4	0	4	1	1	0	4	0	2	0	9	1	24	2	8
Tuberculosis	2	0	5	0	2	0	3	1	1	1	3	1	16	3	19
Vector biology and control	0	0	4	2	3	1	12	2	2	0	6	2	27	7	26
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
Total	94	21	175	59	80	33	247	51	89	27	110	30	795	221	28
		22%		34%		41%		21%		30%		27%			

Number of panel members as at December 2010 where N equals 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.