

Awards

1. Dr A.T. Shousha Foundation Prize – Report of the Dr A.T. Shousha Foundation Committee

The Dr A.T. Shousha Foundation Prize is awarded to a person having made the most significant contribution to any health problem in the geographical area in which Dr A.T. Shousha served WHO, namely, the Eastern Mediterranean Region.

During the fifty-eighth session of the Regional Committee for the Eastern Mediterranean (Cairo, 2–5 October 2011), the Dr A.T. Shousha Foundation Committee met on 3 October 2011, chaired by His Excellency Dr Ahmed Bin Mohamed bin Obaid Al Saidi, Minister of Health, Oman (Chairman of the Regional Committee).

The Committee reviewed nominations from Bahrain, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Oman and Pakistan.

The Committee members studied the curricula vitae and the background of the five candidates and recommended that the candidate from Bahrain, Dr Shaikha Salim Al Arrayed, be selected as the person to be proposed to the Executive Board at its 130th session as the recipient of the Prize.

If the Board confirms the award, the laureate will receive the equivalent of 2500 Swiss francs in United States dollars.

Dr Shaikha Salim Al Arrayed is being honoured for her significant contribution to public health in Bahrain, in particular the control of genetic diseases.

Dr Al Arrayed is Chair of the Genetics Department, Salmaniya Medical Complex, Manama, Bahrain. After establishing a genetics clinic in Salmaniya Medical Complex in 1984, she spearheaded a decades-long campaign aimed at reducing the incidence of hereditary diseases in Bahrain and improving the management of patients with such diseases. This campaign had a significant impact on reducing the prevalence of genetic diseases in Bahrain. The success of her campaign contributed importantly to the wider development of genetic disease control programmes throughout the Region.

2. Ihsan Doğramacı Family Health Foundation Prize – Report of the Ihsan Doğramacı Family Health Foundation Selection Panel

The Ihsan Doğramacı Family Health Foundation Prize is awarded to a person or persons globally recognized for his/her/their service in the field of family health.

The Ihsan Doğramacı Family Health Foundation Selection Panel met on 18 January 2012, chaired by Mr Rahhal El Makkaoui (Morocco), Chairman of the Executive Board. The other Panel members were Dr Phyllis Erdogan, appointee of Professor A. Doğramacı (the President of Bilkent University) and Professor Tomris Turmen, representing the International Children's Center (Ankara).

The Panel members studied the curricula vitae and the background of the seven candidates, together with the Administrator's technical comments on the candidatures. The Panel, bearing in mind the Statutes and guidelines governing the award of the Prize, unanimously decided to propose to the Executive Board that the 2012 Prize be awarded to Dr Ayse Akin (Turkey).

If the Board confirms the award, the laureate will receive US\$ 20 000.

The candidate has a long-standing career in the area of family health, as a professor at the Medical School of Hacettepe University, Ankara, and as the General Director of Maternal and Child Health and Family Planning in the Ministry of Health, Turkey. She has been actively involved in the promotion of family health at all levels in Turkey, as well as serving on several international boards, including chairing the Standing Committee of the Regional Committee for Europe and several professional boards and committees in relation to family health. Her publication list includes publications on the full scope of family health (maternal, child, adolescent, gender, etc.) in both national and international peer-reviewed journals.

3. Sasakawa Health Prize – Report of the Sasakawa Health Prize Selection Panel

The Sasakawa Health Prize is awarded to a person or persons, an institution or institutions, or a nongovernmental organization or organizations having accomplished outstanding innovative work in health development, such as the promotion of given health programmes or notable advances in primary health care, in order to encourage the further development of such work.

The Sasakawa Health Prize Selection Panel met on 18 January 2012, chaired by Mr Rahhal El Makkaoui (Morocco), Chairman of the Executive Board. The other Panel members were His Excellency, Mr Luvsantseren Orgil, alternate to Mr S. Lambaa, member of the Executive Board for Mongolia, and Professor K. Kiikuni, representing the Founder of the Prize.

The Panel members studied the curricula vitae and the background of the seven candidates, together with the Administrator's technical comments on the candidatures. The Panel, bearing in mind the Statutes and guidelines governing the award of the Prize, unanimously decided to propose to the Executive Board that the 2012 Prize should be awarded to the Syamsi Dhuha Foundation (Indonesia).

If the Board confirms the award, the laureate, as an organization, will receive US\$ 40 000.

A brief description of the work carried out by the proposed laureate is given below for the consideration of the Executive Board.

Systemic lupus erythematosus, or lupus, is a chronic and incurable systemic autoimmune disease. It most often harms the heart, joints, skin, lungs, blood vessels, liver, kidneys and nervous system. The course of the disease is unpredictable, with periods of illness alternating with remissions.

Dian Syarief, Chairperson of the Syamsi Dhuha Foundation, was diagnosed with lupus in 1998. Although surviving the disease, Dian Syarief was left with impaired vision. In 2003, she decided to create, together with her husband, Eko Pratomo, the Syamsi Dhuha Foundation with the intention of

improving the quality of life of people living with lupus and poor vision. The Foundation is recognized for its innovative achievements and activities, which include the launch of education, familiarization and research programmes on the incurable disease. It provides training programmes for medical professionals, as well as online services. The Foundation supports access to cheap medicine for people living with lupus. High treatment costs inspired the creation of the Foundation's Research Sponsorship programme, which supports the research or planned research on finding supplementary therapies and herbal-based medicines.

Care for Low Vision is one of the Foundation's activities and the Foundation has initiated an Annual World Sight Day in cooperation with the National Eye Hospital. Care for Low Vision aims to provide guidance to people with poor vision and to provide education to their families and to the public.

The prize money will be used to continue funding the ongoing activities of the Foundation.

4. United Arab Emirates Health Foundation Prize – Report of the United Arab Emirates Health Foundation Selection Panel

The United Arab Emirates Health Foundation Prize is awarded to a person or persons, an institution or institutions, or a nongovernmental organization or organizations having made an outstanding contribution to health development.

The United Arab Emirates Health Foundation Selection Panel met on 17 January 2012, chaired by Mr Rahhal El Makkaoui (Morocco), Chairman of the Executive Board. The other Panel members present were Dr Wael Alhalkke member of the Executive Board for the Syrian Arab Republic, and His Excellency Mr Obaid Salem Saeed Al Zaabi, representing the Founder of the Prize.

The Panel reviewed the documentation, together with the Administrator's technical comments on the candidatures. Bearing in mind the Statutes and guidelines governing the award of the Prize, the Panel unanimously decided to propose to the Executive Board that the United Arab Emirates Health Foundation Prize for 2012 be awarded to both Dr Chen Bowen (China) and to the Renal Disease Control Program (Philippines).

If the Board confirms the award, the laureates will each receive US\$ 20 000.

A brief description of the work carried out by the proposed laureates is given below for the consideration of the Executive Board.

Dr Chen is nominated for his important contribution to the establishment of centres offering community health services in China. In the 1990s, Dr Chen provided guidance for pilot projects which led to the development of the centres that are now fully developed in China and provide valuable urban health services. Dr Chen has also contributed to the formulation of industrial technical standards.

In 2007, Dr Chen established a nongovernmental organization, Community Health Association of China, under the China Management Society. It provides advice to the Government on how to increase the use of community health workers, and to promote communication among community health service institutions. That association now has 16 870 members and has carried out training in all provinces.

The Renal Disease Control Program takes charge of implementing the public health projects of the National Kidney Transplant Institute in the Philippines on the prevention and control of renal and related diseases. It plans, implements and monitors projects for research, advocacy, training, service and quality assurance. Most of the Program's activities are national, and make use of a network of regional coordinators.

The Program also administers and manages the Philippine Renal Disease Registry, which includes a subset of registries on end-stage renal disease: haemodialysis, peritoneal dialysis, transplants and chronic kidney disease. It runs the Philippine Organ Donation Program of the Department of Health, which has set policies, guidelines and ethical principles for organ donation and transplantation from living non-related organ donors, thereby ensuring rational, equitable, ethical and accessible renal health care at the country level. The Program maintains a nephrology, urology and transplant database, used in planning and policy-making.

5. State of Kuwait Prize for Research in Health Promotion – Report of the State of Kuwait Health Promotion Foundation Selection Panel

The State of Kuwait Prize for Research in Health Promotion is awarded to a person or persons, an institution or institutions, or a nongovernmental organization or organizations having made an outstanding contribution to research in health promotion.

The State of Kuwait Health Promotion Foundation Selection Panel met on 17 January 2012, chaired by Mr Rahhal El Makkaoui (Morocco), Chairman of the Executive Board. Other Panel members present were Mr A. Al-Qahtani, member of the Executive Board for Qatar, and Mr Zeyad Almashan, representing the Founder of the Prize.

The Panel reviewed the documentation carefully, together with the Administrator's technical comments on the candidatures. Bearing in mind the Statutes and guidelines governing the award of the Prize, the Panel unanimously decided to propose to the Executive Board that the State of Kuwait Prize for Research in Health Promotion for 2012 be awarded to Dr Eltahir Medani Elshibly (Sudan).

If the Board confirms the award, the laureate will receive US\$ 20 000.

A brief description of the work carried out by the proposed laureate is given below for the consideration of the Executive Board.

The candidate's career has been dedicated to a wide range of family health issues, from breastfeeding promotion to HIV prevention and nutrition. He has worked at the clinical level for the Ministry of Health and in research. The candidate has numerous publications which include articles in international peer-reviewed journals.

6. Dr LEE Jong-wook Memorial Prize for Public Health – Report of the Dr LEE Jong-wook Memorial Prize Selection Panel

The Dr LEE Jong-wook Memorial Prize for Public Health is awarded to a person or persons, an institution or institutions, a governmental or nongovernmental organization or organizations, who have made an outstanding contribution to public health.

The Dr LEE Jong-wook Memorial Prize Selection Panel met on 17 January 2012, chaired by Mr Rahhal El Makkaoui (Morocco), Chairman of the Executive Board. The other Panel members were

Mr P. Kase (alternate to Mr J. Maxtone-Graham, member of the Executive Board for Papua New Guinea), and Mr Jeong In Ahn, Representative of the Founder.

The Panel reviewed the documentation, together with the Administrator's technical comments on the candidatures, and unanimously decided to propose to the Executive Board that the 2012 Prize should be awarded to the Pacific Leprosy Foundation (based in New Zealand).

If the Board confirms the award, the laureate will receive US\$ 100 000.

A brief description of the work carried out by the proposed laureates is given below for the consideration of the Executive Board.

The Pacific Leprosy Foundation was formed by Patrick Twomey, who taught in Fiji briefly in the 1920s. Based in Christchurch, the Foundation is a not-for-profit, nongovernmental nonreligious organization that works towards the elimination of and the mitigation of the effects of leprosy in Fiji, Indonesia, Kiribati, New Zealand, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Vanuatu and Viet Nam.

Despite there being an effective cure for leprosy since the introduction of multiple drug therapy in the 1980s, social attitudes rather than a lack of treatment are the major reason that the disease continues to be a problem. With the help of public donations and bequests, the Foundation works to eradicate leprosy, provide care for patients and their families (with rehabilitation and welfare), and educate the community in order to reduce stigmatization. People disabled by leprosy and their families are a low priority for governments with limited resources. The Foundation funds rehabilitation and welfare work throughout the Pacific and provides money for medical treatment and clothing to protect nerve-damaged limbs. Patients are encouraged to provide for themselves and their families. Funds are provided for income-generating projects. The Foundation also provides funds for the education of the children of people with leprosy, and for housing and housing improvements.

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