

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. No change has occurred during 2012.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE EXPERT ADVISORY PANELS

2. Membership of the 47 expert advisory panels totalled 804 in December 2012, compared with 760 in December 2011. In terms of regional distribution, 12% of panel members come from the African Region, 22% from the Region of the Americas, 11% from South-East Asia Region, 32% from the European Region, 10% from the Eastern Mediterranean Region and 13% from the Western Pacific Region. Of the total number of all panel members, 28% are women.
3. The annexed list of all panels includes a breakdown on members by panel, region and sex, as at 1 December 2012. Further details (lists of experts by region and country) are available on request.

MEETINGS OF EXPERT COMMITTEES

4. The following committees met in 2012:

Expert Committee on Specifications for Pharmaceutical Preparations (47th meeting), Amsterdam, 9–12 October 2012 (9 members: five men, four women)

Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (76th meeting), Geneva, 5–14 June 2012 (8 members: five men, three women)

Expert Committee on Drug Dependence (35th meeting), Hammamet, Tunisia, 4–8 June 2012 (8 members: six men, two women)

Expert Committee on Biological Standardization (63rd meeting), Geneva, 15–19 October 2012 (11 members: eight men, three women).

5. Invitations to take part in these meetings were extended to 36 panel members from 24 different countries, drawn from 4 expert advisory panels. All members were able to attend.

¹ This report is submitted to the Executive Board in compliance with Regulation 4.23 of the Regulations for Expert Advisory Panels and Committees.

ANNEX

MEMBERSHIP OF EXPERT ADVISORY PANELS BY PANEL AND REGION^a

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	5	2	5	4	41	18	44
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	2	0	15	3	20
Drug dependence and alcohol problems	1	0	5	2	3	1	7	2	2	0	7	1	25	6	24
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	8	5	1	0	9	6	35	18	51
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	5	3	2	1	6	2	4	1	3	2	26	12	46
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
Leprosy	2	1	2	1	4	0	4	0	1	0	2	0	15	2	13
Malaria	0	0	2	0	2	0	9	0	1	0	0	0	14	0	0

WHO expert advisory panels	Africa		The Americas		South-East Asia		Europe		Eastern Mediterranean		Western Pacific		Total		
	<i>N</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>W</i>	%
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	100
Nutrition	0	0	5	0	1	1	3	1	5	2	2	0	16	4	25
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)	3	0	6	3	0	0	7	1	0	0	0	0	16	4	25
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	96	21	177	61	79	33	256	54	88	26	108	29	804	224	28
		22%		34%		42%		21%		30%		27%			

^a Number of panel members as at 1 December 2012 where *N* equals the 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, but they are counted only once in this total.