

## **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. No change has occurred during 2013 as at the time of writing.

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

2. Membership of the 47 expert advisory panels totalled 720 in December 2013, compared with 804 in December 2012. In terms of regional distribution, 12% of panel members come from the African Region, 25% from the Region of the Americas, 9% from the South-East Asia Region, 30% from the European Region, 10% from the Eastern Mediterranean Region and 14% from the Western Pacific Region. Of the total number of panel members, 31% are women.
3. The annexed list of all panels includes a breakdown of members by panel, region and sex, as at 1 December 2013. Further details (lists of experts by region and country) are available on request.

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

4. The following committees met in 2013:

Expert Committee on Specifications for Pharmaceutical Preparations (48th meeting), Geneva, 14–18 October 2013 (9 members: five men, four women)

Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (77th meeting), Rome, 4–13 June 2013 (6 members: four men, two women); (78th meeting), Geneva, 5–14 November 2013 (6 members: four men, two 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 (64th meeting), Geneva, 21–25 October 2013  
(13 members: eight men, five women)

Expert Committee on Control and Surveillance of Human African Trypanosomiasis, Geneva,  
22–26 April 2013 (10 members: eight men, two women)

Expert Committee on the Selection and Use of Essential Medicines (19th meeting), Geneva,  
8–12 April 2013 (11 members: six men, five women).

5. Invitations to take part in these meetings were extended to 56 panel members from 27 different countries, drawn from eight expert advisory panels. Two of the members invited were unable to attend.

# ANNEX

## MEMBERSHIP OF EXPERT ADVISORY PANELS BY PANEL AND REGION<sup>a</sup>

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	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ageing and health	1	1	2	2	0	0	3	0	2	1	0	0	8	4	50
Biological standardization	0	0	6	1	1	1	8	0	1	1	3	1	19	4	21
Blood transfusion medicine	10	4	4	2	6	3	11	3	5	2	5	4	41	18	44
Cancer	0	0	4	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	7	1	14
Cardiovascular diseases	1	0	1	0	1	0	3	0	2	0	1	0	9	0	0
Chronic degenerative diseases (diabetes)	0	0	2	0	1	1	2	0	1	0	1	0	7	1	14
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	3	2	1	5	0	0	0	1	0	13	4	31
Drug dependence and alcohol problems	1	0	4	2	3	1	6	1	1	0	7	1	22	5	23
Drug evaluation	6	1	14	6	5	5	12	5	8	2	7	3	52	22	42
Drug policies and management	12	4	3	1	2	2	7	5	0	0	7	6	31	18	58
Food safety	1	0	17	7	1	1	11	3	0	0	7	1	37	12	32
Health laboratory services	3	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	4	2	1	1	10	4	40
Health promotion	3	1	4	3	0	0	6	3	2	1	1	0	16	8	50
Health science and technology policy	3	2	5	3	1	0	4	1	3	1	2	2	18	9	50
Human cell, tissue and organ transplantation	1	0	3	1	2	0	1	1	1	0	2	0	10	2	20
Human genetics	2	0	1	0	0	0	3	1	1	1	0	0	7	2	29
Immunology	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	4	1	25
Injury and violence prevention and control	2	1	4	2	2	0	3	1	0	0	2	1	13	5	38
International pharmacopoeia and pharmaceutical preparations	13	2	14	10	1	1	25	10	8	3	8	2	69	28	41
Leprosy	2	1	2	1	2	0	4	0	1	0	2	0	13	2	15

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	0	0	6	0	1	0	0	0	9	0	0
Medicine safety	1	0	0	0	2	0	3	1	0	0	2	0	8	1	13
Mental health	1	0	3	0	3	1	6	0	1	0	3	1	17	2	12
Neurosciences	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	33
Nursing	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	3	3	100
Nutrition	0	0	17	5	3	1	11	7	6	2	8	1	45	16	36
Oral health	1	0	0	0	3	1	5	1	2	0	1	0	12	2	17
Parasitic diseases (filarial infections)	4	1	5	0	6	3	2	0	1	0	1	0	19	4	21
Parasitic diseases (general parasitology)	2	0	4	2	1	1	8	2	1	0	1	0	17	5	29
Parasitic diseases (leishmaniasis)	0	0	5	3	4	1	8	1	1	0	0	0	18	5	28
Parasitic diseases (schistosomiasis)	3	1	6	0	0	0	4	1	3	0	2	0	18	2	11
Parasitic diseases (trypanosomiasis)	3	0	4	2	0	0	5	1	0	0	0	0	12	3	25
Prevention of blindness	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0
Prevention of deafness and hearing impairment	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	4	1	25
Rabies	1	0	1	0	2	0	2	0	2	0	1	1	9	1	11
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	3	0	4	2	0	0	3	2	0	0	2	0	12	4	33
Traditional medicine	4	0	3	1	1	0	4	0	2	0	8	0	22	1	5
Tuberculosis	1	0	5	0	2	0	3	1	1	1	2	1	14	3	21
Vector biology and control	0	0	4	2	2	1	10	2	2	0	4	2	22	7	32
Virus diseases	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Virus diseases (antivirals and interferon)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Zoonoses	1	0	0	0	1	0	3	1	2	1	0	0	7	2	29
<b>Total</b>	88	19	178	67	67	27	216	60	74	22	97	31	720	226	31
	22%		38%		40%		28%		30%		32%				

<sup>a</sup> Number of panel members as at December 2013 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.