



REGIONAL OFFICE FOR THE WESTERN PACIFIC
BUREAU RÉGIONAL DU PACIFIQUE OCCIDENTAL

REGIONAL COMMITTEE

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ANNOTATED AGENDA

1. OPENING OF THE FIFTEENTH SESSION OF THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE

The meeting will be opened by Dr R.F.R. Scragg, the retiring Chairman. If he is unable to be present, Dr J.C. Thieme, the Vice-Chairman, will act until the new Chairman is elected. In the absence of both the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman, the Regional Director will take the Chair.

2. ADDRESS BY THE RETIRING CHAIRMAN

It is customary for the retiring Chairman to deliver a short address at the opening meeting of each session of the Regional Committee. If the retiring Chairman is unable to attend, his speech will be read by the Vice-Chairman, or, if he too is absent, by the Regional Director.

3. ADDRESS BY THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL

The Director-General has appointed Dr P.M. Dorolle, Deputy Director-General, to represent him at this session of the Committee.

4. ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS: CHAIRMAN, VICE-CHAIRMAN AND RAPORTEURS

The officers of the 1961, 1962 and 1963 meetings were:

Twelfth session - 1961

Chairman	:	Dr H.B. Turbott (New Zealand)
Vice-Chairman	:	Dr E. Valencia (Philippines)
Rapporteur (in English)	:	Dr S.W. Yun (Korea)
Rapporteur (in French)	:	Médecin-Colonel L. Caillard

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Thirteenth session - 1962

Chairman : Dr F.Q. Duque (Philippines)
Vice-Chairman : Dr D.J.M. MacKenzie (United Kingdom)
Rapporteur (in English) : Dr R.G.T. Lewis (New Zealand)
Rapporteur (in French) : Dr Tiao Singkeo (Laos)

Fourteenth session - 1963

Chairman : Dr R.F.R. Scragg (Australia)
Vice-Chairman : Dr J.C. Thieme (Western Samoa)
Rapporteur (in English) : Dr L. Uyguanco (Philippines)
Rapporteur (in French) : Dr A. Ferron (France)

5. ADDRESS BY INCOMING CHAIRMAN

It is customary for the incoming Chairman to give a brief address to the Committee. It is, however, not essential for the address to be given at this point of the agenda. This may, should the incoming Chairman wish, be postponed to a time later in the session.

6. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA (Document WP/RC15/1)

According to Rule 9 of the Rules of Procedure of the Regional Committee, "the Director may, in consultation with the Chairman, include any question suitable for the agenda which may arise or reach him up to twenty-one days before the opening day of the session, in a supplementary agenda which the Committee shall examine together with the provisional agenda. Any items arising or submitted later shall be included in a supplementary agenda provided that the Committee agrees".

The provisional agenda distributed to Representatives contains all the items suggested for discussion up to twenty-one days before the opening day of the session.

7. TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS

7.1 Statement by the Chairman

In accordance with the resolution adopted by the Regional Committee at its eleventh meeting,¹ the Regional Director, in consultation with the Chairman of the Regional Committee, has selected Dr R.K.C. Lee, Director of Public Health and Medical Activities, Department of Public Health, University of Hawaii, as Chairman of the Technical Discussions.

The function of the Chairman is to guide the general discussions along the lines of the agenda, to assist the members to adhere to the

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¹Resolution WP/RC11.R11, WPR Handbook of Resolutions and Decisions, 1962, 3rd ed., section 5.5.2 (8), page 19

schedule for discussions, to ensure that all members so desirous are heard, and to endeavour to effect a full and balanced discussion of the theme chosen.

Dr Lee will make a statement to the Committee regarding the arrangements made this year for the technical discussions, the subject of which is "The Use of Statistics in Public Health Administration".

7.2 Acceptance of the Programme for the Technical Discussions
(Document WP/RC15/TD1)

Three sessions have been set aside for the discussions, the morning and afternoon of Saturday, 19 September and the afternoon of Monday, 21 September. Details of the programme are contained in document WP/RC15/TD1. The Committee is invited to consider the proposed programme and, if there are no objections, to accept it.

8. PROPOSED PROGRAMME AND BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR
1 JANUARY - 31 DECEMBER 1966 (Document WP/RC15/2)

8.1 Establishment of the Sub-Committee on Programme and Budget

The Committee, at its seventh session,¹ decided that the establishment of a sub-committee on programme and budget, consisting of six members, plus the Chairman of the Regional Committee, should become a routine activity of the Committee. It further recommended that the membership of the Sub-Committee should be rotated among the Representatives of the various Members, subject to the provision that any Representative wishing to do so should be entitled to participate.

Membership of the Sub-Committee - 1961

Cambodia, China, Japan, Malaya, New Zealand (Chairman),
Philippines, the United Kingdom and Viet-Nam.

Membership of the Sub-Committee - 1962

Australia, France, Korea, Laos, Philippines (Chairman),
Portugal, Western Samoa and the United States of America.

Membership of the Sub-Committee - 1963

Australia (Chairman), China, Japan, Malaya, New Zealand,
the United Kingdom and Viet-Nam.

8.2 Consideration of the report presented by the Sub-Committee on
Programme and Budget

The report of the Sub-Committee will be discussed in plenary session on Tuesday morning, 22 September.

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¹Resolution WP/RC7.R7, WPR Handbook of Resolutions and Decisions, 1962, 3rd ed., section 3.4, page 20

9. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN OF BRIEF REPORTS RECEIVED
FROM GOVERNMENTS ON THE PROGRESS OF THEIR HEALTH ACTIVITIES

Governments may either submit short written reports in advance of the session or present their annual reports to the Committee. Reports received in sufficient time will be mimeographed in English and French and distributed to all Representatives. The Chairman will make an announcement to acknowledge receipt of such reports.

10. REPORT OF THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR (Document WP/RC15/3)

The report presented to the Committee contains information not only on the progress made over the year, but also draws attention to some of the major problems encountered. It is felt that it would greatly facilitate the development of the regional programme if there could be a frank discussion on the areas of weakness mentioned. The pooling of ideas and the sharing of experience would most certainly be beneficial both to health departments and the Organization.

Representatives of the United Nations, the Specialized Agencies, other inter-governmental organizations and non-governmental organizations in official relations with WHO, who wish to present statements to the Committee, will be invited to do so under this item of the agenda.

11. RESEARCH IN POPULATION GENETICS OF PRIMITIVE GROUPS (Document
WP/RC15/4)

This document summarizes the action taken by the Regional Director following the resolution adopted by the Committee at its fourteenth session.¹

12. CHOLERA (Document WP/RC15/5)

This document summarizes the action taken by the Regional Director following the resolution adopted by the Committee at its fourteenth session.²

13. GENERAL PROGRAMME OF WORK COVERING A SPECIFIC PERIOD (Document
WP/RC15/6)

This document summarizes the action taken in the past in connection with the formulation of a general programme of work for the Western Pacific Region. The second regional programme of work covered the period 1962-1965. It is suggested that the Committee may wish to extend this until the end of 1966 so that it covers the same period as the third programme of work adopted by the World Health Assembly.

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¹Resolution WP/RC14.R6

²Resolution WP/RC14.R5

Representatives may also wish to make proposals regarding points which they would like to have included in any future regional programme adopted.

14. PROCEDURE FOR THE NOMINATION OF REGIONAL DIRECTORS (Document WP/RCL5/7)

The question of introducing a new procedure for the nomination of regional directors was discussed by the WHO Regional Committee for Europe at its twelfth session in August 1962. The proposal of the Committee was referred to the thirty-first session of the Executive Board in January 1963. The Board requested the Director-General to study this question and to report to the Executive Board at a future session. The report of the Director-General is attached to document WP/RCL5/7. The Executive Board, having studied the report of the Director-General, decided to invite the regional committees to consider the suggestions contained therein. A summary of the proposals made by the Director-General is contained in section 3.2 of document WP/RCL5/7.

The Committee is asked to study these suggestions and decide whether it wishes to make any changes in the procedure for the nomination of regional directors. If it should decide to do so, an appropriate sub-committee will have to be set up to draft an amended text for the rule concerned. The report of this sub-committee will be discussed in plenary session on Tuesday morning, 22 September.

15. PROTECTION OF THE PRE-SCHOOL CHILD (Document WP/RCL5/8)

It has been a matter of concern to the Regional Office for some time that so little attention is being paid to the health of the pre-school child. It is hoped that a discussion of this particular aspect of maternal and child health may stimulate health authorities to focus more attention on the needs of this important population group.

16. THE PUBLIC HEALTH ASPECTS OF PROTECTION AGAINST IONIZING RADIATION (Document WP/RCL5/9)

As stated in the Regional Director's Annual Report, countries in the Western Pacific Region have shown little interest in radiation health and radiation medicine. The contents of document WP/RCL5/8 are extracted from the report of a WHO Conference on the Public Health Aspects of Protection against Ionizing Radiation held in Düsseldorf in 1962. It is presented to the Regional Committee for information and discussion on an important aspect of health which deserves serious and urgent consideration.

/17. RESOLUTIONS ...

17. RESOLUTIONS OF REGIONAL INTEREST ADOPTED BY THE THIRTY-THIRD AND THIRTY-FOURTH SESSIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD AND THE SEVENTEENTH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY (Document WP/RC15/10)

Document WP/RC15/10 contains the resolutions of regional interest adopted by the thirty-third and thirty-fourth sessions of the Executive Board and the Seventeenth World Health Assembly. A short note has been added in connection with resolutions WHA17.24, WHA17.20, WHA17.39, WHA17.41, WHA17.40, WHA17.43 and WHA17.47, as it was felt that the attention of the Committee should be specifically drawn to some of the operative paragraphs.

18. DENTAL EPIDEMIOLOGY AND NATIONAL DENTAL SERVICES (Document WP/RC15/12 Rev.1)

This item has been proposed by the Administration of Papua and New Guinea. A representative of the Australian delegation will present the subject to the Committee.

19. SELECTION OF TOPIC FOR THE TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS DURING THE SIXTEENTH SESSION OF THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE (Document WP/RC15/11)

Document WP/RC15/11 contains suggestions of the Secretariat as to the topics which might be considered for the Technical Discussions in 1965.

20. CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT PRESENTED BY THE TECHNICAL DISCUSSION GROUP

The Chairman of the Technical Discussions will present the report of the Technical Discussions to the Committee at its plenary session on Tuesday morning, 22 September. This report will form an annex to the main Committee report.

21. TIME, PLACE AND DURATION OF THE SIXTEENTH AND SEVENTEENTH SESSIONS OF THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE

The Committee, at its twelfth session, accepted the invitation of the Government of the Republic of Korea to hold its sixteenth session in Seoul, Korea.¹

Unless the Committee decides otherwise, the seventeenth session of the Regional Committee will be held in Manila in accordance with the past procedure that every second year the meeting will be held at regional headquarters.

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¹ Resolution WP/RC12.R11, WPR Handbook of Resolutions and Decisions, 1962, 3rd ed., section 5.3.2 (12), page 7

22. OTHER BUSINESS

23. ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

The various decisions made and the resolutions adopted will be incorporated into a final report for approval at the last plenary session.

24. ADJOURNMENT