



EXECUTIVE BOARD

Forty-seventh Session

Agenda item 2.10.1

REVIEW OF THE ORGANIZATIONAL STUDY ON MEDICAL  
LITERATURE SERVICES TO MEMBERS

Report of the Working Group



The Executive Board at its forty-fifth session recommended to the Twenty-third World Health Assembly (resolution EB45.R16)<sup>1</sup> that the next organizational study by the Board be "Medical literature services to Members". The Twenty-third World Health Assembly decided that such a study be undertaken and requested the Executive Board to report on the progress of the study to the Twenty-fourth World Health Assembly (WHA23.26).<sup>2</sup>

The Executive Board established a working group to prepare the study, composed of:

Professor E. Aujaleu, Dr S. P. Ehrlich, jr, Dr D. D. Venediktov, and Mr Y. Wolde-Gerima, assisted by his adviser, Dr W. Kidane-Mariam.

The Working Group met on Tuesday, 26 January, under the chairmanship of Professor E. Aujaleu.

The Working Group noted the background documentation (EB47/WP/4) prepared by the Director-General and considered that, in view of the complexity of the subject and of the need to obtain additional information from Member States, it was essential for it to have more time to accomplish its task adequately. It therefore decided to recommend to the Board that the organizational study be continued for another year so that a full report could be presented by the Working Group to the forty-ninth session of the Executive Board and thereafter by the Board to the Twenty-fifth World Health Assembly.

The members of the Working Group agreed to send their detailed comments on the background documentation as well as details of the information to be requested from Member States to the Director-General by 31 March 1971. The Working Group decided to meet, if deemed necessary, during May 1971 and in any case immediately before the forty-ninth session of the Board so as to complete its work on the study. Any comments that any member of the Board might have on the background documentation should also be sent to the Director-General by 31 March.

Should the Executive Board agree with the above recommendation, the Working Group recommends that the Board adopt a resolution along the following lines:

"The Executive Board,

Having considered the report of the Working Group on the preparation of the study on medical literature services to Members,<sup>3</sup> as decided by the Twenty-third World Health Assembly in its resolution WHA23.26,<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Off. Rec. Wld Hlth Org., 181, 10.

<sup>2</sup> Off. Rec. Wld Hlth Org., 184, 13.

<sup>3</sup> Document EB47/WP/17.

