

Reports of advisory bodies

Expert committees and study groups

Expert advisory panels and committees and their membership

Report by the Secretariat

ESTABLISHMENT OR DISESTABLISHMENT OF EXPERT ADVISORY PANELS

1. No change has occurred during 2014 as at the time of writing.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE EXPERT ADVISORY PANELS

2. Membership of the 47 expert advisory panels totalled 653 in December 2014, compared with 720 in December 2013. In terms of regional distribution, 13% come from the African Region, 24% from the Region of the Americas, 10% from South-East Asia Region, 29% from the European Region, 9% from the Eastern Mediterranean Region and 15% from the Western Pacific Region. Of the total number of all members of all panels, 31% are women.

3. The annexed list of all panels includes a breakdown of members by panel, region and sex, as at 1 December 2014. Further details (lists of experts by region and country) are available on request.

MEETINGS OF EXPERT COMMITTEES

4. The following committees met in 2014:

Expert Committee on Specifications for Pharmaceutical Preparations
Geneva, 13–17 October 2014 (13 members: seven men, six women)

Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (79th meeting)
Geneva, 17–26 June 2014 (10 members: seven men, three women)

36th WHO Expert Committee on Drug Dependence
Geneva, 16–20 June 2014 (15 members: eight men, seven women)

Expert Committee on Biological Standardization
Geneva, 13–17 October 2014 (14 members: nine men, five women)

5. Invitations to take part in these meetings were extended to 51 panel members from 27 different countries, drawn from four expert advisory panels. All members were able to attend.

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	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ageing and health	0	0	2	2	0	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	5	3	60
Biological standardization	0	0	6	1	1	1	8	0	1	1	3	1	19	4	21
Blood transfusion medicine	10	4	3	2	6	3	10	3	6	3	6	4	41	19	46
Cancer	0	0	3	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	5	1	20
Cardiovascular diseases	1	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	5	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	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	2	2	5	3	60
Clinical surgical procedures	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	5	0	0
Drug dependence (dependence liability evaluation)	2	2	5	3	4	2	4	0	1	0	1	0	19	7	37
Drug dependence and alcohol problems	1	0	4	2	3	1	5	1	2	0	7	1	22	5	23
Drug evaluation	6	1	14	6	5	5	10	4	8	2	7	3	50	21	42
Drug policies and management	11	3	3	2	2	2	6	4	0	0	7	6	29	17	59
Food safety	1	0	17	7	1	1	11	2	0	0	7	1	37	11	30
Health laboratory services	3	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	4	2	1	1	10	4	40
Health promotion	3	1	1	1	0	0	4	2	1	1	1	0	10	5	50

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	N	W	N	W	N	W	N	W	N	W	N	W	N	W	%
Health science and technology policy	2	1	5	3	1	0	3	1	2	1	1	1	14	7	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	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0
Immunology	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Injury and violence prevention and control	2	1	4	2	2	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	11	3	27
International pharmacopoeia and pharmaceutical preparations	13	2	15	11	2	1	25	9	6	1	12	4	73	28	38
Leprosy	2	1	2	1	2	0	4	0	1	0	2	0	13	2	15
Malaria	0	0	2	0	0	0	6	0	1	0	0	0	9	0	0
Medicine safety	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	2	0	0	1	0	6	2	33
Mental health	1	0	3	0	3	1	5	0	0	0	3	1	16	3	19
Neurosciences	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	33
Nursing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nutrition	0	0	17	5	3	1	11	7	5	2	8	1	44	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	3	0	0	0	20	5	25
Parasitic diseases (schistosomiasis)	3	1	6	0	0	0	5	1	3	0	4	0	21	2	10

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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	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Prevention of deafness and hearing impairment	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	33
Rabies	1	0	2	1	2	0	2	0	1	0	1	1	9	2	22
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	3	2	0	0	2	2	0	0	2	0	10	4	40
Traditional medicine	4	0	3	1	1	0	4	0	2	0	8	0	22	1	5
Tuberculosis	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Vector biology and control	0	0	3	2	2	1	10	2	1	0	3	2	19	7	37
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	0	0	3	1	2	1	0	0	6	2	33
Total	85	18	160	64	63	29	187	48	61	16	97	29	653	204	31
		21%		40%		46%		26%		26%		30%			

^a Number of panel members as at December 2014 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.