

Awards

1. Dr A.T. Shousha Foundation Prize – Report of the Dr A.T. Shousha Foundation Committee

The Dr A.T. Shousha Foundation Prize is awarded to a person having made the most significant contribution to any health problem in the geographical area in which Dr A.T. Shousha served WHO, namely the Eastern Mediterranean Region.

During the fifty-seventh session of the Regional Committee for the Eastern Mediterranean (Cairo, Egypt, 3–6 October 2010), the Dr A.T. Shousha Foundation Committee met on 4 October 2010, under the chairmanship of His Excellency Dr Abdullah bin Abdul Aziz Al-Rabeeah, Minister of Health, Saudi Arabia (Chairman of the Regional Committee).

The Committee reviewed nominations from Iraq, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Oman and Saudi Arabia.

The Committee members studied thoroughly the curricula vitae and the background of the four candidates and recommended that the candidate from Iraq, Professor Amjad Daoud Niazi, should be selected as the person to be proposed to the Executive Board at its 128th session as the recipient of the Prize.

If the Board confirms the award, the laureate will receive the equivalent of 2500 Swiss francs in United States dollars.

Professor Niazi is being honoured for his significant contribution to public health in Iraq. Professor Niazi graduated as a surgeon (MBBCh) from the College of Medicine, Baghdad University, Baghdad, in 1960, and subsequently studied at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine in the United Kingdom, graduating as a specialist in tropical public health in 1967, and in epidemiology in 1980.

From 2004 to 2009, Professor Niazi was Chairman of the Scientific Council of Community and Family Medicine on the Iraqi Board for Medical Specializations supervising research proposals. He is now Emeritus Professor (retired) of Community and Family Medicine. From 1990 to 2003, as Chairman of the Department of Community Medicine in Nahrain College of Medicine, he established and founded undergraduate and postgraduate studies in the field of community medicine and public health. He played a key role as Director of the Institute of Endemic Diseases in planning and establishing national programmes for the control and prevention of endemic communicable diseases, and as Deputy Director General of Health for the planning, conducting and evaluating of research on priority public health problems. He is the recipient of several international awards and honours, and was awarded the Shield of the Ministry of Health in 2008 and of the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research in 2010. He is a member of several associations, including the Iraqi Medical

Society, the Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, the High Committee for the Arab Board in Community Medicine and the Iraqi Family Planning Society.

2. Ihsan Dođramacı Family Health Foundation Prize – Report of the Ihsan Dođramacı Family Health Foundation Selection Panel

The Ihsan Dođramacı Family Health Foundation Selection Panel met on 18 January 2011 under the chairmanship of Dr M. Kökény (Hungary), Chairman of the Executive Board. The other Panel members were Professor P.L. Erdogan, appointee of Professor A. Dođramacı (the President of Bilkent University) and Professor M. Bertan, representing the International Children's Center (Ankara).

Following a thorough discussion, the Panel concluded that it was not in a position to propose a candidate for the Prize in 2011. It was therefore decided not to propose a recipient for the 2011 Prize to the Executive Board.

3. Sasakawa Health Prize – Report of the Sasakawa Health Prize Selection Panel

The Sasakawa Health Prize is awarded to a person or persons, an institution or institutions, or a nongovernmental organization or organizations having accomplished outstanding innovative work in health development, such as the promotion of given health programmes or notable advances in primary health care, in order to encourage the further development of such work.

The Sasakawa Health Prize Selection Panel met on 19 January 2011 under the chairmanship of Dr M. Kökény (Hungary), Chairman of the Executive Board. The other Panel members were Mr S. Lambaa, member of the Executive Board for Mongolia, and Professor K. Kiikuni, representing the Founder of the Prize.

The Panel members carefully studied the curricula vitae and the background of the thirteen candidates, together with the Administrator's technical comments on the candidatures. The Panel, bearing in mind the Statutes and guidelines governing the award of the Prize, unanimously decided to propose to the Executive Board that the 2011 Prize should be awarded both to Dr Eva Siracká, President of the Slovak League against Cancer, Slovakia, and to the Pequeña Familia de María/Albergue Maria Association, Panama.

If the Board confirms the award, the laureate Dr Siracká, as an individual candidate, will receive US\$ 30 000, and the laureate Pequeña Familia de María/Albergue Maria Association, as an organization, will receive US\$ 40 000.

A brief description of the work carried out by the proposed laureates is given below for the consideration of the Executive Board.

Dr Eva Siracká is a prominent scientist active in the field of cancer and is being acknowledged for her lifelong activities and overall contribution to oncology. She founded the League against Cancer in 1990, which is the leading cancer organization in Slovakia, and which participates in the European programme against cancer, organizes regular education and prevention actions, offers care for oncology patients and their families, and participates in and funds clinical and research projects. Every year the League against Cancer organizes popular fundraising activities such as "Daffodil Day", now in its twelfth year, and the Terry Fox Run.

The prize money will allow Dr Siracká to enhance support for her ongoing efforts and to fund education programmes for volunteers and interested health professionals.

The Pequeña Familia de María is a non-profit association, established on 11 February 2000 and managed by the Albergue Maria Association. It has affiliations to the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Social Development, Social Security Fund, University of Panama, Colón Free Trade Zone and the District of Colón, Panama. A paediatric clinic for children living with HIV/AIDS in the Provinces of Colón and Darien and the Kuna-Yala Indigenous Region was opened on 17 July 2005. The San José Home for Children living with HIV/AIDS was opened on 28 December 2006; the dental clinic, counselling service, social welfare office and physiotherapy unit were opened on 28 December 2007.

The Association's general objectives are to provide a humanitarian example of Christian aid to people of all ages living with HIV/AIDS by offering them a dignified life through a comprehensive recovery programme, which includes physical, emotional, family and spiritual assistance. The Association offers many services, including a paediatric and dental clinic and a physiotherapy unit, counselling services, a social welfare office, residential homes for children, and the "Domus Mariae" which is a rest and recreational activity centre for all HIV patients. It ensures the coordination of antiretroviral drug orders, the supervision of their supply and the coordination of test results.

The prize money will be used for development of the work described, and to fund the provision of milk formulas for newborns 0–6 months of age and infants 6–12 months of age, medicines, disposable nursing, surgical and dental consumables, and for the recruitment of a clinical psychotherapist.

4. United Arab Emirates Health Foundation Prize – Report of the United Arab Emirates Health Foundation Selection Panel

The United Arab Emirates Health Foundation Prize is awarded to a person or persons, an institution or institutions, or a nongovernmental organization or organizations having made an outstanding contribution to health development.

The United Arab Emirates Health Foundation Selection Panel met on 18 January 2011, under the chairmanship of Dr M. Kökény (Hungary), Chairman of the Executive Board. The other Panel members present were Dr R. Said member of the Executive Board for the Syrian Arab Republic, and His Excellency Mr Obaid Salem Saeed Al Zaabi, representing the Founder of the Prize.

The Panel reviewed the documentation, together with the Administrator's technical comments on the candidatures. Bearing in mind the Statutes and guidelines governing the award of the Prize, the Panel unanimously decided to propose to the Executive Board that the United Arab Emirates Health Foundation Prize for 2011 be awarded to both Aged Care Maldives and to the Association Tchadienne Communauté pour le Progrés.

If the Board confirms the award, the laureates will each receive US\$ 20 000.

A brief description of the work carried out by the proposed laureates is given below for the consideration of the Executive Board.

Aged Care Maldives is a not-for-profit organization, which has existed since 2004, and was previously known as the Manfaa Centre on Ageing. It provides its services to those who are members of the organization.

Aged Care Maldives aims to promote and to protect the country's senior citizens. The organization promotes psychosocial care, healthy ageing and dignified living for older people. It disseminates information and creates awareness on healthy ageing; it provides a number of health and well being services, both in the centre and individually during home visits, including home care, group exercise classes, yoga and physiotherapy. It also endeavours to provide home care to the ageing population and to provide a place of care for those who cannot receive it in their own homes.

In addition, the centre conducts health awareness and screening programmes regularly both in the capital of Male and the outer islands. It provides educational activities to its members, such as English classes, and has started a physiotherapy assistant training programme through the Manfaa Training Institute; it also participates in national planning forums.

The Association Tchadienne Communauté pour le Progrés was established in 1973. In 1974 it opened the Goundi Hospital and in 1990 it launched the Integrated Health Programme. In 2003–2004 it established the Good Samaritan University Training and Health-Care Centre and University/Faculty of Medicine.

The main objectives of the Association Tchadienne Communauté pour le Progrés are to participate in the Government's efforts to train medical and paramedical professionals and to extend the integrated health system in accordance with the Alma-Ata Declaration. Its main activities are education and health care. Two thirds of its funding are ensured by the Italian Development Cooperation and the remainder derives from private/patient contributions. The main achievements of the Association are its innovative self-financing scheme, which allows patients to have access to quality care at reduced rates; the quality of training offered to physicians and nurses in the university teaching hospital; the Association's innovative loan scheme for students with low incomes; and its retention scheme for skilled workers, which allows enrolment into its institutions on condition of working for 10 years in a health structure which is recognized by the Faculty, possibly in a rural or suburban setting.

5. State of Kuwait Prize for Research in Health Promotion – Report of the State of Kuwait Health Promotion Foundation Selection Panel

The State of Kuwait Prize for Research in Health Promotion is awarded to a person or persons, an institution or institutions, or a nongovernmental organization or organizations having made an outstanding contribution to research in health promotion.

The State of Kuwait Health Promotion Foundation Selection Panel met on 18 January 2011, under the chairmanship of Dr M. Kökény (Hungary), Chairman of the Executive Board. Other Panel members present were Dr A.J. Mohamed, Member of the Executive Board for Oman, and Mr N. Naman, representing the Founder of the Prize.

The Panel reviewed the documentation carefully, together with the Administrator's technical comments on the candidatures. Bearing in mind the Statutes and guidelines governing the award of the Prize, the Panel unanimously decided to propose to the Executive Board that the State of Kuwait Prize for Research in Health Promotion for 2011 should be jointly awarded to Mr WANG De Chen, Director of the Institute of Health Education, Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region, China, and to the Association Tchadienne Communauté pour le Progrés, Chad.

If the Board confirms the award, the laureates will each receive US\$ 20 000.

A brief description of the work carried out by the proposed laureates is given below for the consideration of the Executive Board.

Mr Wang has made a significant contribution to health promotion research and health-care services in the region of Ningxia, China. He is the Director of the Institute of Health Education, Vice President of the Health Education Association, and Secretary-General of the Tobacco Control Association of the Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region.

Mr Wang started his career in health education in 1986, and has delivered health education lectures to diverse areas, including rural communities, schools and workplaces. He has been involved in many health literacy programmes sponsored by the Ministry of Health, and has published widely on a variety of health-related subjects, including books on health for residents of Ningxia, on the promotion of health for a farming household, “300 Questions and Answers on Health Literacy 66” and “Health 100”. He has also been involved in designing health education posters and DVDs. More than two million copies of his books and other material have been printed and distributed to urban and rural households and workplaces all over the Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region. He was appointed Director of the technical assistant group in charge of a three-year programme on health and health education for farmers.

Since 2005 Mr Wang has been contributing to the development of the tobacco control policy in Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region, and has promoted the establishment of regulations on banning smoking in public places and banning smoking in public traffic. Through his efforts, more than 8000 taxis and buses have joined the “smoke free traffic” movement, and more hospitals and schools are becoming smoke free.

Information on the Association Tchadienne Communauté pour le Progrès is provided at subsection 4, United Arab Emirates Health Foundation Prize.

6. Dr LEE Jong-wook Memorial Prize for Public Health – Report of the Dr LEE Jong-wook Memorial Prize Selection Panel

The Dr LEE Jong-wook Memorial Prize for Public Health is awarded to a person or persons, an institution or institutions, a governmental or nongovernmental organization or organizations, who have made an outstanding contribution in the following areas: research into and prevention, treatment and control of HIV/AIDS; research into and control of communicable diseases; or control of neglected tropical diseases.

The Dr LEE Jong-wook Memorial Prize Selection Panel met on 19 January 2011, under the chairmanship of Dr M. Kökény, (Hungary), Chairman of the Executive Board. The other Panel members were Ms P.T. Toelupe (alternate to Mrs G.A. Gidlow, member of the Executive Board for Samoa), and Professor Sohn Myongsei, Representative of the Founder.

The Panel reviewed the documentation, together with the Administrator’s technical comments on the candidatures, and unanimously decided to propose to the Executive Board that the 2011 Prize should be awarded to the Clodomiro Picado Institute, Costa Rica.

If the Board confirms the award, the laureate will receive US\$ 85 000.

A brief description of the work carried out by the proposed laureate is given below for the consideration of the Executive Board.

The Clodomiro Picado Institute has been carrying out research on herpetofauna for the past 40 years. Its activities include the following: research on toxins from venomous animals in Latin America, and on snake venoms; and basic and applied research on immunobiologicals, particularly antivenoms for envenomings following snakebites. The Institute is attached to the University of Costa Rica, where it coordinates graduate and postgraduate courses in the fields of biochemistry, immunology, herpetology and research. It also supervises student theses in these research areas.

The Clodomiro Picado Institute produces antivenoms for many Central and South American and European countries. It has developed innovative scientific and biotechnical processes to promote the enhancement of biologicals, both nationally and internationally; it advises countries on the prevention and treatment of snakebites, and also the production and quality control of antivenoms in Central and South America; and it manages collaboration projects for the production of antivenoms specific to countries with scarce resources such as Nigeria, Papua New Guinea and Sri Lanka. In collaboration with the Latin American science and technology development programme (CYTED), the Clodomiro Picado Institute coordinates a network of production and quality-control centres in Central and South America.

The Institute was involved in the drafting of the WHO guidelines for the production, control and regulation of snake antivenom immunoglobulins.¹

Amendments to the Statutes of the Dr LEE Jong-wook Memorial Prize for Public Health

In accordance with the provisions of Article 10 of the Statutes, the Panel unanimously decided to propose to the Executive Board that Articles 2, 3 and 4 of the Statutes of the Dr LEE Jong-wook Memorial Prize for Public Health be revised in order to: (i) take into account a change in the name of the Founder; (ii) increase the amount of the Prize from US\$ 85 000 to US\$ 100 000 and modify accordingly the annual endowment referred to in Article 3 of the Statutes; and (iii) broaden the scope of the purpose of the Prize by providing that it will reward an outstanding contribution made to public health. If approved by the Executive Board, the text of Articles 2, 3 and 4 would now read as follows:

“Article 2

The Founder

The Prize is established upon the initiative of, and with funds provided by, the Government of the Republic of Korea through the Korea Foundation for International Healthcare – Dr LEE Jong-wook Memorial Fund (hereinafter referred to as “the Founder”).

Article 3

Endowment

The Founder annually endows the Prize with an endowment of US\$ 100 000 (one hundred thousand United States dollars) together with a sum sufficient to cover the charge referred to in Article 8 below, as confirmed annually by the Administrator. This annual endowment, together with this additional sum, shall be provided by the Founder to the World Health Organization in January of each year.

¹ Available online at http://www.who.int/bloodproducts/snake_antivenoms/snakeantivenomguideline.pdf (accessed 22 January 2011).

Article 4

Prize

1. *Provided that the Administrator is in receipt of the endowment, the Dr LEE Jong-wook Memorial Prize shall be awarded to a person or persons, an institution or institutions, a governmental or nongovernmental organization or organizations, who have made an outstanding contribution to public health. The Prize aims at rewarding work that has extended far beyond the call of normal duties, and it is not intended as a reward for excellent performance of duties normally expected of an official occupying a government position or of a governmental or intergovernmental institution.*
2. *The Prize shall consist of a sum of money, together with a plaque from the Founder, which shall be awarded not more often than once in each year. The sum of money shall be US\$ 100 000 (one hundred thousand United States dollars). This sum may be adjusted by the Prize Selection Panel, including as a result of any changes to the charges for the administrative cost provided for in Article 8 below.*
3. *If the Prize is awarded to more than one person, institution, or organization, the sum of money shall be proportionately distributed between them.*
4. *The Prize(s) shall be presented during a session of the World Health Assembly to the recipient(s) or, in their absence, to a person(s) representing them.”*

Should this revision be approved by the Board, it will be transmitted for information to the next session of the World Health Assembly.

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