

2. The Meeting

The RBM Meeting was organized as a satellite activity of the XV International Congress for Tropical Medicine and Malaria, 20 to 25 August 2000 as follows:

There were two open sessions (Symposia) during the International Congress, the first one devoted to the presentation and discussion of general issues concerning RBM and the second one to the presentation of topics of interest for the nine countries represented in the meeting. In addition, there were four satellite meetings for country delegations and Representatives of PAHO offices (PWRs) and three meetings with the representatives of the “Guianese Shield” countries. The satellite meetings were devoted to the evaluation and planning for the RBM initiative in the countries, the development of operational research, the study of action plans to be implemented in areas of common epidemiological interest and the development of a joint plan for the five countries of the “Guianese Shield”.