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**40<sup>TH</sup> ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON HEALTH RESEARCH (ACHR)**

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MONTEGO BAY, JAMAICA. APRIL 29<sup>TH</sup> TO MAY 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2007

**AGENDA**

Pan American Health Organization  
2007

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Dear Colleagues:

During the meeting of the Advisory Committee on Health Research (ACHR) we will hold an open discussion to critically analyze the Organization's technical cooperation for the promotion of health research, and the projects of the Research Promotion and Development Unit (RC). We will also define the ACHR's work agenda and how it will support the Organization's efforts.

We envision the ACHR as a lively permanent forum, promoting and generating debates addressing topics on health research relevant to PAHO's Director's decisions. It will meet periodically to evaluate and moderate its course, remaining active in between meetings, and generating, when deemed necessary, advisory groups on specific topics. As such, the forum would be facilitated and fed from the Organization by the Director and the Unit of Research Promotion and Development, and the generated debate will guide the Organization's response to the region's needs.

**Objectives:**

- Promote and ensure the interaction and exchange of information and knowledge between the members of the ACHR, to advance the dynamics within the permanent forum.
- Update the ACHR regarding the progress and development of projects and activities of technical cooperation in health research at PAHO.
- Define a work agenda for the ACHR.

**Location:**

Hotel Rose Hall Resort and County Club  
Montego Bay, Jamaica  
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**40th MEETING OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON HEALTH RESEARCH**

**Agenda**

**Sunday April 29<sup>th</sup>**

08:00 a.m. - 08:30 a.m.

**Inaugural Session**

Welcome and Opening Remarks by the PAHO/WHO Representative in Jamaica

**Dr. Ernest Pate**

Greetings by the Director of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO)

**Dr. Mirta Roses Periago**

Brief Address and Declaration of Opening Meeting by the Minister of Health, Ministry of Health, Jamaica

**Honorable Horace Dalley**

08:30 a.m. - 09:15 a.m.

**Induction**

Address by the Retiring President of PAHO's Advisory Committee on Health Research (ACHR)

**Dr. Víctor Penchaszadeh**

Acknowledgment of exiting President, Dr. Víctor Penchaszadeh's contributions and announcement of ACHR's newly designated President

**Dr. Mirta Roses Periago**

Presentation of the Agenda by the Committee's Secretariat Unit Chief of Research Promotion and Development and ACHR's secretary

**Dr. Luis Gabriel Cuervo**

09:15 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Presentation session and debate with the Committee's members and Meeting commencement

**Designated President**

10:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

*Coffee Break*

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**Agenda**

10:15 a.m. – 11:15 p.m. PAHO's technical cooperation in health research

**Panel Coordinators:** ACHR's President

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**Dr. Luis Gabriel Cuervo**

ACHR Secretary and Unit Chief of Research  
Promotion and Development PAHO

Overview of technical  
cooperation from the Unit of  
Research Promotion and  
Development [30 min.]

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11:15 p.m. - 12: 30 p.m. Debate and recommendations

*12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Lunch*

2:00 p.m. – 05:30 p.m. Continuation of the Panel on PAHO's technical cooperation in  
health research

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**Ms. Sonya Corkum**

Advisor. Unit of Research Promotion and Development  
(HSS/RC), PAHO

EVIPNet in the Americas:  
Networks for evidence-based  
policies [30 min.]

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2:30 p.m. – 3: 00 p.m. Deliberations and recommendations

*3:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. Coffee Break*

3:15 p.m. – 5: 00 p.m. Continuation of the debate and recommendations

5:00 p.m. – 5: 30 p.m. Summary of the day's events by ACHR's President

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**Agenda**

**Monday April 30<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Strategies to strengthen the Organization’s processes, development and capacities in health research  
**Panel Coordinator:** ACHR’s President.

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<b>Dra. Delia Sánchez</b> Consultant. Unit of Research Promotion and Development (HSS/RC), PAHO	Overview of the research policy situation in the Americas and proposal for the development of the Organization’s policy on health research [30 min.]
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9:30 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. Debate and recommendations

*10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. Coffee Break*

10:15 a.m. – 12: 15 p.m. Continuation of the debate and recommendations

*12:15 p.m. – 02:00 p.m. Lunch*

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Defining ACHR’s work plan  
**Coordinator:** ACHR’s President

*3:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. Coffee Break*

3:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Continuation, definition of the work plan, its strategy and contents

5:00 p.m. – 5: 30 p.m. Summary of the day’s events by ACHR’s President

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### Agenda

**Tuesday May 1<sup>st</sup>**

9:00 p.m. – 10:30 p.m. Panel: Research in Jamaica and the English-speaking Caribbean  
**Panel Coordinators:** Dr. Ernest Pate (PAHO/WHO Representative Jamaica), and ACHR's President

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**Dr. Terrence Forrester** Public health research in Jamaica  
Director, Tropical Metabolism Research Unit, [15 min.]  
University of the West Indies

**Professor Archibald McDonald** Biomedical Research in Jamaica  
Dean, Faculty of Medical Sciences [15 min.]  
University of the West Indies

**Dr. Donald Simeon** Health research in the Caribbean  
Director Caribbean Health Research Council [30 min.]

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10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Comments and debate

*10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Coffee Break*

10:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Revision of the meeting's minutes and recommendations of the 40<sup>th</sup> meeting of the ACHR (ACHR's President and Secretary)

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 m. Comments and recommendations for the final report

12.00 m. – 12.30 p.m. **Closing Session**  
Address by the ACHR's President and its Secretariat

**Dr. Mirta Roses Periago**, Director PAHO/WHO

**Dr. Sheila Campbell Forrester**, Chief Medical Officer (Acting),  
Ministry of Health, Jamaica

*12:30 p. m. – 2:00 p.m. Lunch*