

**42ND SESSION OF THE
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON HEALTH RESEARCH (ACHR)**

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. 13 to 15 April 2008

AGENDA

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**Pan American Health Organization
2008**

Dear Colleagues:

The upcoming meeting of the Advisory Committee on Health Research (ACHR) will include an open discussion on the Organization's proposed research policy and provide an update on the status of the research promotion and development activities of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO).

Objectives:

- Discuss the proposed PAHO research policy with ACHR members and other collaborators.
- Bring the ACHR and other participants up to date on the progress and implementation of PAHO's technical cooperation projects and activities in health research and alignment with the World Health Organization (WHO).
- Inform the ACHR about the current vision of the research policy development and consultation process and the ACHR's role in it.
- Promote a constructive dialogue among participants and the exchange of information surrounding the ACHR.

Location:

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Sunday, 13 April (Time in 24:00 format)

19:00 – 20:00

Opening Session (Ipanema Room)

Welcoming remarks from the Pan American Health Organization's Representative in Brazil

Mr. Diego Victoria

Remarks from the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau (Regional Office for the Americas of WHO)

Dr. Mirta Roses Periago

Remarks from the President of the Advisory Committee on Health Research of PAHO/WHO (ACHR)

Dr. John Lavis

Remarks from the Secretary of Science, Technology, and Strategic Inputs of the Ministry of Health

Dr. Reinaldo Guimarães

20:00 – 21:00

Welcoming reception (Ipanema Room)

Monday 14 April (Time in 24:00 format)

08:30 – 08:40

Welcome, announcements on logistical matters, and agenda

Dr. Luis Gabriel Cuervo, Team Leader, Research Promotion and Development, PAHO/WHO, and ACHR Secretary

08:40 – 09:00

Introduction of participants

Dr. John Lavis, ACHR President

09:00 – 09:40

Presentation of agenda and PAHO's work in research promotion and development

Dr. Luis Gabriel Cuervo, ACHR Secretary

09:40 – 10:00

Vision of the development of PAHO's research policy

Dr. Mirta Roses, Director, Pan American Sanitary Bureau (Regional Office for the Americas of WHO)

10:00 – 10:15

Discussion

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Tuesday, 15 April (Start 08:30, Time in 24:00 format)

- 08:30 – 08:40 Presentation on the working group methodology
Dr. John Lavis, President ACHR
- 08:40 – 10:15 Working groups review general aspects, proposals for policy implementation and assessment
Led by **Dr. John Lavis**, President ACHR
- 10:15 – 10:30 *Coffee break*
- 10:30 – 12:30 Summary of working group discussions, followed by deliberations
Led by **Dr. John Lavis**, President ACHR
- 12:30 – 14:00 *Luncheon*
- 14:00 – 14:30 Progress Report by the ACHR Secretariat: Some Developments since November 2007 (10 min. each):
· EVIPNet (Dr. Analía Porrás)
· Improving the Development of Guidelines (Dr. María Luisa Clark, Dr. Luis Gabriel Cuervo)
· Intellectual Property and Research (Dr. José Luis Di Fabio)
- 14:30 – 15:30 Research policy: summary of comments for drafting the recommendations of the 42nd Session of the ACHR
Led by **Dr. John Lavis**, President ACHR
- 15:30 – 15:45 *Coffee break*
- 15:45 – 16:45 Research policy in Brazil and its impact
Dr. Reinaldo Guimarães, Secretary of Science, Technology, and Strategic Inputs of the Ministry of Health
- 16:45 – 18:00 Presentation of conclusions for review and approval, and closure
Dr. John Lavis, President ACHR
Dr. Mirta Roses, Director PASB (AMRO)