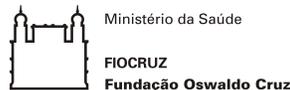




**V MEETING OF THE PAN-AMERICAN AMAZONIA NETWORK
IN SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION IN HEALTH**
V Meeting of the Intergovernmental Committee
Paramaribo, Suriname
December 7th and 8th, 2010
Hotel Coutyard Marriot de Paramaribo



Summary of The Developed Activities:

On December 7th and 8th has happened The Fifth Meeting of the Panamerican-Amazonic Network in Science, Technology and Innovation in Health.

Here are the advances of the six workgroups of the network (Access to drugs/ Intellectual property, Telemedicine, Malaria, Health Services, Environmental Health, Virtual Health Library) and here are the goals of the new Intercultural workgroup (WG).

The 2011 WG lines of action have been reviewed and work recommendations have been presented. Nevertheless, there is a need to produce plans of action and a more realistic chronogram with a list of tasks.

The ACTO (Amazonian Cooperation Trade Organization) presented the main work guidelines defined and adopted by the Amazonian countries and consigned on the strategic health plan by this organization.

The Management committee decided to propose to the Executive Office of the network, through the PAHO; the deadline previously agreed upon with Fiocruz Manaus expired (December 2010). It is expected that the PAHO will play successfully the role of mediator of the network, mobilizing its workgroups at the 8 countries of the region and contributing to improve the management of the information and the communication channels (see attachment).

It has been identified the need to exploit and integrate to the network new actors, potentially important, for example, invite experts from the French Guyana to all the groups; besides to prioritize work areas across the borders.

It has been reinforced the definition of the term of the Management Committee of the network with the goal of improving its capacity of solving problems faced by the network. Besides, it was highlighted the importance of the results archived by the projects of the network and its integration and contribution in all lines of action of the ACTO health plan and the strategic five-year-term plan of the UNASUL.

The Minister of Health Celsius Waterberg, on his closing speech, highlighted the importance of the topic Environmental Health in the world subjected to climate changes. He called upon all WG to improve the virtual communication (prioritizing the Virtual Health Library) and to seek for short-term results, with impact, remembering that the results of the network projects need to be integrated with the Agenda of the mechanisms and the initiatives of the regional integration, adding actions but also spreading and searching for added-value.

Both the ministry and the ACTO congratulated the fact that the PAHO will assume the role of the executive

office during the next three years.

For this reason, the presidency of the network was transferred to Surinam, through an official ceremony in the presence of the Ministry of Health. The vice-presidency was attributed to Bolivia, nevertheless the absence of an official delegate belonging to Bolivia in the Inter-government group, that was the reason of not officializing this decision, being the decision waited for in a timeframe of 30 days. The sixth meeting of the network will be held at Bolivia.

Meeting of the Management Committee:

All members of the management committee of the Science, Technology and Innovation for Health Amazon-Panamerican Network, met in Paramaribo, Surinam, on December 7th and 8th, 2010, agree upon:

- 1) To transfer the Executive Office of the network to PAHO starting from this date;
- 2) Promote mechanisms of work that generate impact on the health of the Amazonia population on the basis of the topics, advances and agreements established by the network and the intergovernmental committee, based upon what was established by the agenda of the UNASUR - local initiatives and health. These mechanisms can be, among others:
 - a. Execute systematic reviews of the available information, with the Panamazonian BVS;
 - b. Consolidate the efforts to generate new knowledge in specific areas such as health at the border; and
 - c. Diffuse the scientific evidence that health has been effective and efficient at the Amazonia region, through the relevant channels, to make it available to all the researchers, public policy makers at the national and international level, and the society in general.
- 3) Identify elements, mechanisms and actions that make the network work more efficient, such as the process of communication and information management. Monitoring actions and impact evaluation of the activities and the project of the network will be strengthened;
- 4) Work with an integrated sense of the problems common to the reaction and the Indian community throughout the border, seeking for cost effectiveness and coherence of the actions;
- 5) Incorporate to the network, the most comprehensive experience and approaches of all Amazonia peoples including the approach of the peoples with the French Guyana and its Investigation centers, trying to create momentum and strengthening a critical mass that will promote solutions to the Amazon, as well as the Millennium Goals.

Paramaribo, December 8th, 2010.