



Dissemination of Information. PAHO activities. November 2010

Dear ECONMED members

As a final note to the special attention that ECONMED has been paying to the 50^o Directing Council of Pan American Health Organization and 62nd Session of the Regional Committee of World Health Organization for the Americas we are glad to share some of the regional developments related to the [Establishment of an advisory group of experts in research and development: financing and coordination](#) (Resolution WHA63.28 hyperlinked and attached)

The approval last May at the [63rd World Health Assembly](#) (WHA) of the resolution WHA 63.28 [Establishment of a consultative expert working group on research and development: financing and coordination](#) represents a new step in the implementation of [Global Strategy and Plan of Action on Public Health, Innovation and Intellectual Property](#) (WHA61.21), currently being developed in the Americas through the [Regional Perspective on Public Health, Innovation and Intellectual Property](#) (CD48R15) framework. Part of a process where the Americas region has been significantly involved; participating, contributing and accompanying the global quest for a balance between access and innovation.

- Within this context, the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) in accordance with Resolution [WHA63.28](#) (No. 4a-c) regarding the role of Regional Committees in submitting candidates for the consideration of World Health Organization (WHO) Director before the next session of the Executive Board, scheduled for February 2011, invited member States to nominate candidates to serve on the *Consultative Expert Group on Research and Development: Financing and Coordination (CEWG)* to ensure regional representation to the fulfillment of the tasks set out for this technical working group.

- In order to ensure transparency and facilitate accountability of the submission of candidacies a virtual space was set up within the webpage of the organization, granting access to national authorities, [PAHO](#) country offices and designated experts to upload necessary information. The [PAHO](#) secretariat provided support in granting access to the site and making sure all critical information was uploaded.

Outcomes

13 experts, 8 males and 5 females, were proposed by 9 countries and one sub-regional organization (South American Nations Union, UNASUR) from all the sub-regions in the Americas (except Central America) with an expertise range that includes scientific research, intellectual property management, innovation economy, biochemistry and other fields of work relevant for the future workings and discussions of the CEWG

- The regional consultation process constitutes not only a solid evidence of the region's interest on issues related to research and innovation but also the pertinence of those projects that [PAHO](#) has been developing and implementing in close cooperation with national authorities within the frame of the Regional Perspective on Public Health, Innovation and Intellectual Property In accordance with Resolution [WHA63.28](#) the list of candidates will be formally forwarded to the Director General of WHO for final action, on which **PAHO will keep itself involved.**

