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REGIONAL RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS**

**PROGRESS REPORT
THE DIRECTORY OF INSTITUTIONS
ENGAGED IN BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH IN EMR**

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THE DIRECTORY OF INSTITUTIONS ENGAGED IN BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH IN EMR

The Regional Advisory Committee on Biomedical Research in its First Meeting (6-8 April 1976) "recommended that every effort should be made to collect as complete information as possible and from all institutions involved in biomedical research or related fields." "It was also recommended that these data, when assembled and analyzed, should be presented to the next meeting of the RACMR which should then advise on other aspects of this activity, namely how and when to complete and update the information as well as the way the data should be presented."

To implement these recommendations, a questionnaire form was sent to all institutions listed in Annex II to the Report of the First Meeting as well as to several unlisted institutions that were brought to the attention of the Regional Office. Assistance of the members of the Committee and of the WHO Representatives in the countries were solicited for the identification of potential institutions.

On the basis of the replies received the Directory was prepared and presented to the Committee in its Second Meeting (23-26 March 1977). The Directory listed the names of more than 200 institutions in the Region, in addition to detailed profiles on 72 institutions of them.

With the purpose to disseminate that information and to encourage communications towards improving the quality and completeness of data, the Directory was distributed as follows:

- All Governments, one copy each (yet a number of countries requested additional copies, these were sent)
- All institutions listed (206), whether or not they replied to the questionnaires
- All RACMR members
- All WHO Representatives.

In addition, copies were sent to WHO Headquarters and to other Regional Offices.

It is planned to update the Directory some time late in 1978, hoping that by that time a reasonable amount of additional information has been received. It may be noted that blank questionnaire forms were attached to the Directory for the purpose.

The Committee may like to consider:

- (a) If the data as presented in the "Institution Profile" are sufficient, or that different data should be collected.
- (b) If any particular analysis based on the Institution Profiles should be contemplated.
- (c) The methods for updating the data. It is proposed, for example, to have a new round of questionnaires sent to all institutions in 1979, i.e., three years from the first round.