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Damascus, 19 - 27 October 1963

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PROVISIONAL

PROGRAMME OF THE SEMINAR

1. SATURDAY, 19 OCTOBER 1963

Nursing College - Auditorium

8.30 a.m. - 9.30 a.m.

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- Registration of Participants and Observers
- OPENING CEREMONY
- Inauguration by H.E. The Minister of Health and Public Assistance, Syrian Arab Republic
- Address by the Regional Director, WHO EMR
- Address by the Director, Division of Health Statistics, and Representative of the Director-General, WHO

Nursing College - Lounge

11.30 a.m. - 1.30 p.m.

8 p.m.

- Recess
- Election of a President, 2 Vice-Presidents and a Chief Rapporteur
- Adoption of the Agenda
- Statement by the Secretariat on the Procedure of the Seminar. (The Seminar may deal with some of the agenda items in two committees)
- Item 4 "The need for statistics in public health administration and practice"
- Reception by H.E. The Minister of Health and Public Assistance

2. SUNDAY, 20 OCTOBER 1963

Nursing College - Hall

8.30 a.m. - 11.00 a.m.

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- Item 5 "Health Statistics in the countries of the Region (statements by participants)
 - (a) Availability of vital and health statistical information
 - (b) Present organization and plans for immediate future"
- Recess
- Item 5, above, (Cont'd)

3. MONDAY, 21 OCTOBER 1963

Nursing College - Hall

8.30 a.m. - 11.00 a.m.

- Item 6 "Work of WHO in health statistics
 - (a) Headquarters
 - (b) Activities of the Eastern Mediterranean Regional Office
 - (c) Needs of countries for assistance from WHO"

11.00 a.m. - 11.30 a.m.

- Recess

11.30 a.m. - 1.30 p.m.

- Item 7 "National Committees on Vital and Health Statistics"

6.30 p.m.

- Cocktails by the Regional Director

4. TUESDAY, 22 OCTOBER 1963

Nursing College - Hall

8.30 a.m. - 10.30 a.m.

- Item 8 "Health Statistics System of a Country
 - (a) Cause of death
 - (b) Notifiable diseases and morbid conditions
 - (c) Hospital morbidity
 - (d) Health services, evaluation of their activities; personnel
 - (e) Field Surveys
 - (f) Organization of health statistical services"

10.30 a.m. - 11.30 a.m.

- Visit to the Statistical Department of the Ministry of Health and Public Assistance

5. WEDNESDAY, 23 October 1963

Nursing College - Hall

8.30 a.m. - 11.00 a.m.

- Item 8 of Tuesday's Session (Cont'd)

11.00 a.m. - 11.30 a.m.

- Recess

11.30 a.m. - 1.30 p.m.

- Item 8 (Cont'd)
- REPORT ON WORK OF PREVIOUS SESSIONS

4.30 p.m.

- Visit to Omayad Mosque and Souk of Damascus

6. THURSDAY, 24 October 1963

Nursing College - Hall

8.30 a.m. - 11.00 a.m.

- Item 9 "Education and Training."
 - (a) Teaching of statistical methodology and health statistics to undergraduate medical students
 - (b) Statistics in post-graduate public health courses
 - (c) Cooperation of medical profession in supplying statistical information
 - (d) Training of statisticians"

11.00 a.m. - 11.30 a.m.

- Recess

11.30 a.m. - 1.30 p.m.

- Item 9, above, (Cont'd)

7. FRIDAY, 25 OCTOBER 1963
9.00 a.m. - HOLIDAY
- Visit to Basra Roman Amphitheatre
(150 kms south of Damascus)
8. SATURDAY, 26 OCTOBER 1963
Nursing College - Hall
8.30 a.m. - 11.00 a.m. - Item 9 of Thursday's Session (Cont'd)
11.00 a.m. - 11.30 a.m. - Recess
11.30 a.m. - 1.30 p.m. - Item 10 "Arabic version of the
International Statistical
Classification of Diseases,
Injuries and Causes of Death"
- Item 11 **Other business**
9. SUNDAY, 27 OCTOBER 1963
Nursing College - Hall
8.30 a.m. - 11.00 a.m. - REPORT ON WORK OF PREVIOUS SESSIONS (Cont'd)
11.00 a.m. - 11.30 a.m. - Recess
11.30 a.m. - 1.30 p.m. - Item 12 Adoption of Reports
- CLOSURE OF THE SEMINAR