## WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION



# ORGANISATION MONDIALE DE LA SANTE

### المقررات الإجرائية DECISIONS

## REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN

October 2015

### **Sixty-second Session**

#### **Decision No. 1 Election of officers**

Chair: Dr Ali Saad Al-Obaidi (Kuwait) Vice-Chair: Dr Ahmed Al-Saidi (Oman)

Vice-Chair: Dr Bahar Idris Abu Garda (Sudan)

Chair of technical discussions: Dr Ali Hyasat (Jordan)

Based on the suggestion of the Chairman of the Regional Committee, the Committee decided that the following should constitute the Drafting Committee:

Dr Safaa Abdelgelil (Egypt), Dr Magda Mohamed Al-Qatan (Kuwait), Dr Mohammad Mehdi Gouya (Islamic Republic of Iran), Dr El Fatih Mohamed Malik (Sudan), Dr Sihem Bellalouna (Tunisia), Dr Saif bin Salem Al-Abri (Oman)

Secretariat: Dr Jaouad Mahjour, Dr Haifa Madi, Dr Sameen Siddiqi, Dr Arash Rashidian, Dr Hoda Atta, Dr Khalid Saeed, Ms Jane Nicholson

### Decision No. 2 Adoption of the agenda

The Regional Committee adopted the agenda of its Sixty-second Session.

### Decision No. 3 Award of the State of Kuwait Prize for the Control of Cancer, Cardiovascular Diseases and Diabetes in the Eastern Mediterranean Region

The Regional Committee decided to award the State of Kuwait Prize for the Control of Cancer, Cardiovascular Diseases and Diabetes in the Eastern Mediterranean Region to Dr Nizal Sarrafzadegan (Islamic Republic of Iran), based on the recommendation of the Foundation Committee for the State of Kuwait Prize for the Control of Cancer, Cardiovascular Diseases and Diabetes in the Eastern Mediterranean. The Prize will be presented to the laureate during the sixty-third session of the Regional Committee, in 2016.

### Decision No. 4 Award of the Down Syndrome Research Prize

The Regional Committee, based on the recommendation of the Down Syndrome Research Prize Foundation, decided not to award the prize this year.

### Decision No. 5 Statutes of the Foundation Committee for the State of Kuwait Prize for the Control of Cancer, Cardiovascular Diseases and Diabetes in the Eastern Mediterranean Region

The Regional Committee, based on the recommendation of the Foundation Committee for the State of Kuwait Prize for the Control of Cancer, Cardiovascular Diseases and Diabetes in the Eastern Mediterranean Region, decided to amend Article 7 of the statutes for the Foundation as follows (new text in bold):

Any national health administration, in a Member State of the World Health Organization within the Eastern Mediterranean Region, or any former recipient of the Prize may propose the

names of candidates for the Prize. The nomination shall be accompanied by a written statement of the reason on which it is based. Proposals shall be submitted to the Administrator who shall submit them to the Foundation Committee together with technical comments.

Any national education administration, research centre, educational institution, or nongovernmental organization in a Member State of the World Health Organization within the Eastern Mediterranean Region may suggest candidates for the Prize to its national health administration. Such suggestions shall be accompanied by a written statement of the reasons for the candidature. The national health administration shall have discretion in deciding whether to propose the names suggested for the Prize.

### Decision No. 6 Statutes of the Foundation Committee for the Down Syndrome Research Prize

The Regional Committee, based on the recommendation of the Foundation Committee for the Down Syndrome Research Prize, decided to amend Article 4 of the statutes of the Foundation as follows (new text in bold):

The Foundation is established for the purpose of awarding a prize to one or more persons, or one **or more nongovernmental organizations or other institutions,** that have made an outstanding contribution in the field of research related to Down Syndrome and a grant to one or more persons, **or one or more nongovernmental organizations or other institutions** for research to be undertaken in the same field. The specific criteria that shall be applied in the assessment of the work done by the candidates in the case of the Prize, and of the proposed research, in the case of the Grant, shall be determined by the Foundation Committee.

#### **Decision No. 7 Verification of credentials**

In accordance with the rules of procedure of the WHO Regional Committee for the Eastern Mediterranean, the officers of the Regional Committee met on 7 October 2015 and examined the credentials of representatives attending this session of the Regional Committee. The Regional Committee, based on the report of the Chair of the Regional Committee, recognized the validity of the credentials of the following delegations: Afghanistan, Bahrain, Djibouti, Egypt, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Oman, Pakistan, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Sudan, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates.

#### Decision No. 8 Place and date of future sessions of the Regional Committee

The Regional Committee decided to hold its Sixty-third Session at the Regional Office in Cairo, Egypt, from 3 to 6 October 2016 and the Sixty-fourth Session in Islamabad, Pakistan.

### Decision No. 9 Closing of the session

The Regional Committee decided to send a telegram of gratitude and thanks to His Highness Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al Sabah, Amir of Kuwait for his kind hosting of the Sixty-second Session of the Regional Committee and for the great care and hospitality extended to all participants.