WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION



REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN

October 2017

Sixty-fourth Session

Decision No. 1 Election of officers

Chair: Mrs Saira Afzal Tarar (Pakistan)
Vice-Chair: Dr Ahmed Al Saidi (Oman)
Vice-Chair: Dr Jawad Awwad (Palestine)

Based on rules of procedure of the Regional Committee, the Committee decided that the following should constitute the Drafting Committee:

Dr Wahid Majrooh (Afghanistan), Dr Mariam Al-Hajeri (Bahrain), Dr Mohamed Jaber Hwoal (Iraq), Dr Mohsen Asadi-Lari (Islamic Republic of Iran), Dr Badereddin Al Najjar (Libya), Dr Muhammad Safi Malik (Pakistan)

Secretariat: Dr Jaouad Mahjour, Dr A. Basel Al-Yousfi, Dr Maha ElAdawy, Dr Rana Hajjeh, Dr Asmus Hammerich and Ms Catherine Foster

Decision No. 2 Adoption of the agenda

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

Decision No. 3 Place and date of future sessions of the Regional Committee

The Regional Committee decided to hold its Sixty-fifth Session in Khartoum, Sudan, from 15 to 18 October 2018 and the Sixty-sixth, Sixty-seventh and Sixty-eighth Sessions in the Islamic Republic of Iran, United Arab Emirates and the Regional Office in Cairo, respectively.

Decision No. 4 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 9 October 2017 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 delegations of all members.

Decision No. 5 Nomination of a Member State to the Policy and Coordination Committee of the Special Programme of Research, Development and Research training in Human Reproduction

The Regional Committee nominated the Islamic Republic of Iran to serve on the Policy and Coordination Committee of the Special Programme of Research, Development and Research Training in Human Reproduction for a three-year period from 1 January 2018 to 31 December 2020.

Decision No. 6 Award of the Down Syndrome Research Prize

The Regional Committee decided to award the Down Syndrome Research Prize to Dr Salma Mohammed Al-Harasi (Oman), based on the recommendation of the Foundation Committee for the Down Syndrome Research Prize. The Prize will be presented to the laureate during the sixty-fifth session of the Regional Committee, in 2018.

Decision No. 7 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 Mohamed Ebrahim Khamseh (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-fifth session of the Regional Committee, in 2018.

Decision No. 8 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 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 the Statutes for the Foundation to expand the scope of the Foundation Objective, to revise the membership of the Foundation Committee and to ensure consistency between the Statutes, the eligibility criteria of the candidates, the guidelines and the scoring sheets (annexed to this decision).

Annex to Decision 8, Sixty-fourth session of the Regional Committee for the Eastern Mediterranean

Revised statutes for the Foundation for the State of Kuwait Prize for the Control of Cancer, Cardiovascular Diseases and Diabetes in the Eastern Mediterranean Region

Proposed Current Article Four: Foundation Objective Article Four: Foundation Objective The Foundation is established for the The Foundation is established for the purpose of awarding a prize in one or purpose of awarding a prize in one or more more of the following areas: cancer of the following areas: cancer control, control, cardiovascular disease control cardiovascular disease control and diabetes and diabetes control, income permitting, control, income permitting, to one or more to one or more persons, who have made persons, who have made an outstanding an outstanding contribution in the field contribution in the field of research related of research related to cancer control, to cancer control, cardiovascular disease cardiovascular disease control control or diabetes control. diabetes control. The Foundation The Foundation is established for the Committee shall determine the criteria to purpose of awarding a prize for making an be applied when assessing the work outstanding contribution in prevention, carried out by the candidates. control and research in one or more of the following disease groups: cancer, cardiovascular disease and diabetes. The Foundation Committee shall determine the criteria to be applied when assessing the work carried out by the candidates Current **Proposed** Article 5: The Prize Article 5: The Prize The State of Kuwait Prize for the Control The State of Kuwait Prize for the Control of of Cancer, Cardiovascular Disease, and Cancer, Cardiovascular Disease, and Diabetes Diabetes in the Eastern Mediterranean in the Eastern Mediterranean Region, shall Region, shall consist of: consist of: One bronze medal in one or more of the One bronze medal in one or more of the fields fields of control of cancer, cardiovascular diseases of control of cardiovascular diseases and diabetes, and diabetes. and a sum of money, "which shall be One bronze medal for making an awarded, annually, funds permitting, outstanding contribution in prevention, from the income accrued on the capital, control and research in one or more of the after deducting the total cost of minting

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- 2. The Foundation Committee shall determine, in its first session, the initial value of the Prize, taking into consideration, the capital the Foundation and the expected income accruing annually. This amount may be adjusted from time to time by the Committee based on changes in the capital of the Foundation, variation in investment returns and other relevant factors.
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Article 6: The Foundation Committee

Α Committee entitled the "Foundation Committee for The State of Kuwait Prize for the control of Cancer, Cardiovascular Diseases, and Diabetes in the Eastern Mediterranean Region", shall be composed of the following members: the Chairman and Vice-Chairmen of the Regional Committee for the Eastern Mediterranean, the Chairman of the Technical Discussions of the regional Committee, and a representative of the Founder. The Regional Director for the Eastern Mediterranean Region or his representative will serve as the Secretary of the Committee.

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Article 7: Eligibility

- 1. The Prize will be awarded to one or more persons for making an outstanding contribution in prevention, control and research in one or more of the following disease groups: cancer, cardiovascular disease and diabetes.
- 2. Current and former members of the WHO Secretariat shall not be eligible to receive the Prize nor should the candidature of a deceased person be submitted to the Foundation Committee, unless death occurs after the nomination has been made.
- 3. A candidate who has been previously awarded, and has been re-nominated after

several years, will only be eligible if a new contribution has been made.

<u>Article 7</u>: <u>Nomination and Selection of</u> <u>Candidates</u>

- 1. Any national education administration, research center, 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.
- 2. Current and former members of the WHO Secretariat shall not be eligible to receive the Prize.
- 3. The Committee shall decide in a private meeting, by a majority of the members present, on the recommendation to be made to the Regional Committee, whose decisions shall be final.
- 4. The presence of at least three members of the Foundation Committee, including the Chairman of the Regional Committee for the Eastern Mediterranean or a Vice-Chairman acting for the Chairman at that Regional Committee, shall be required for the taking of decisions.
- 5. The Prize shall be presented during the following session of the Regional committee for the Eastern Mediterranean by its Chairman to the recipient, or representative thereof, in case of absence.

<u>Article 8</u>: <u>Nomination and Selection of Candidates</u>

- 1. Any national health administration, national education administration, research center, educational institution, or nongovernmental organization in a Member State of the World Health Organization within the Eastern Mediterranean Region may suggest encourage candidates for the Prize.
- 2. Applications will be screened by WHO Secretariat and the proposed nominations will be sent to the national health administration for endorsement. 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.

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Article 8: The Administrator

Article 9: The Secretariat

- 1. The Foundation shall be administered by its Administrator, namely the Regional Director for the Eastern Mediterranean, who shall act as Secretary to the Foundation Committee.
- 2. The Administrator shall be responsible:
 - a) For the execution of the decisions taken by the Foundation Committee within the limits of its powers as defined in these Statutes; and
 - b) For abiding by the above articles, and administering the Foundation in accordance with the provisions of these Statutes.

1. The Foundation shall be administered by its **Secretariat**, namely the Regional Director for the Eastern Mediterranean, who shall act as Secretary to the Foundation Committee.

- 2. The *Secretariat* shall be responsible:
 - a) For the execution of the decisions taken by the Foundation Committee within the limits of its powers as defined in these Statutes; and
 - b) For abiding by the above articles, and administering the Foundation in accordance with the provisions of these Statutes.

Article 9: Administrative Costs

A charge of 13% (or as otherwise established by the governing bodies of the World Health Organization) for programme support costs shall be assessed on the amounts awarded by the State of Kuwait Prize for the Control of Cancer, Cardiovascular Diseases and Diabetes.

Article 10: Revision of the Statutes

On the proposal of one of its members, the Foundation Committee may propose a revision of the present Statutes. Any such proposal, if endorsed by a majority of the Committee, shall be submitted to the Regional Committee for approval.

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