Regional Committee for the Eastern Mediterranean

Fifty-eighth Session

Agenda item 10 (a)

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Following the recommendations of the Dr A.T. Shousha Foundation Committee at the Fifty-seventh Session of the Regional Committee for the Eastern Mediterranean, the Executive Board awarded the Dr A.T. Shousha Foundation Prize for 2011, by decision EB128(2), to Professor Dr Amjad Daoud Niazi (Iraq) for his significant contribution to public health in the geographical area in which Dr Shousha served the World Health Organization.

Professor Niazi is being honoured for his significant contribution to public health in Iraq. He graduated as a surgeon (MBBCh) from the College of Medicine, Baghdad University, Baghdad, in 1960, and subsequently studied at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine in the United Kingdom, graduating as a specialist in tropical public health in 1967, and in epidemiology in 1980.

From 2004 to 2009 Professor Niazi was Chairman of the Scientific Council of Community and Family Medicine on the Iraqi Board for Medical Specializations supervising research proposals. He is now Emeritus Professor (retired) of Community and Family Medicine. From 1990 to 2003, as Chairman of the Department of Community Medicine in Nahrain College of Medicine, he established and founded undergraduate and postgraduate studies in the field of community medicine and public health. He played a key role as Director of the Institute of Endemic Diseases in planning and establishing national programmes for the control and prevention of endemic communicable diseases, and as Deputy Director General of Health for the planning, conduct and evaluation of research on priority public health problems. Professor Niazi is the author of numerous scientific papers published in national and international journals and nine publications on a range of public health issues. He is the recipient of several international awards and honours and was awarded the Shield of the Ministry of Health in 2008 and of the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research in 2010. He is a member of several associations, including the Iraqi Medical Society, the Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, the High Committee for the Arab Board in Community Medicine and the Iraqi Family Planning Society.

The 2011 Dr A.T. Shousha Foundation Prize, consisting of a medal and equivalent of CHF 2500 in United States dollars, will be presented to Professor Niazi by the Chairman of the Fifty-eighth Session of the Regional Committee during the opening session.

The Dr A.T. Shousha Foundation Committee is also scheduled to meet during the Fifty-eighth Session of the Regional Committee to consider nominations for the prize and fellowship for 2012. In accordance with the Statutes, the Committee shall be composed of the following members: the Chairman and two Vice-Chairmen of the Regional Committee for the Eastern Mediterranean and the Chairman of its Technical Discussions.

The Director-General of the World Health Organization acts as Administrator of the Foundation and the Regional Director acts as Secretary of the Foundation Committee.