



WORKSHOP ON THE NEEDS FOR RESEARCH
IN MEDICAL EDUCATION

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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening of the Workshop by the Regional Director
2. Election of Officers, Chairman, Vice-Chairman
3. Adoption of the Agenda
4. Identification of Major Problems facing Medical Education in the Region
5. List of priorities for the various subjects and fields to be covered by research:
 - Criteria for selecting students under different socio-economic and educational situations;
 - The student intake in relation to the potential of teaching institutions;
 - Evaluation of the language of instruction;
 - The drop-out rate and the failure of medical students in the various medical schools in the Region;
 - Relevance of educational objectives, teaching programmes to the health needs and services of the country;
 - The costs of medical education within the countries of the Region.
6. The role of various educational and other organizations in the Region, in research in medical education
7. Approval of the provisional report and recommendations
8. Closing of the Workshop.

A FEW DETAILED TOPICS
TO STIMULATE THINKING ON THE AGENDA:

1. Discussion in depth of the importance of research in medical education for the advancement of the development of health manpower;
2. The encouragement of applied research which would lead and guide to the solution of the serious problems, which would raise the standard and which would introduce new patterns of medical education in the Region;
3. How to encourage and initiate institutions of medical education, centres for educational research, and faculty members, to do research in medical education;
4. Who is to be engaged in doing the needed research in medical education; faculty members, educational experts, psychologists, as well as others; is it an individual or a team work;
5. What kind of incentives should be recommended; promotion, grants or other kinds of rewards;
6. How to use the results of research in medical education; how to exchange information about research done in various countries of the Region. Who is to sponsor its publication and dissemination;
7. How to secure funds needed to cover the expenses of doing research in medical education done by individuals, by teams from various countries, or by an institution;
8. Identification of the major problems facing medical education in its various aspects and fields in the Region.