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NOMINATIONS FOR JACQUES PARISOT FOUNDATION
FELLOWSHIP AWARD

1. INTRODUCTION

Every two years, the Jacques Parisot Foundation awards a fellowship for research in social medicine or public health, and also a medal. The following procedure is followed for the selection of candidates:

1. The Regional Director invites Member States of the Region to propose candidates.
2. The proposals received are submitted to the Eastern Mediterranean Advisory Committee on Health Research for preliminary review and assessment.
3. The Advisory Committee transmits its report to the Regional Committee, which selects up to three candidates.
4. Names of these candidates are submitted to the Foundation Committee accompanied by the Advisory Committee's assessment and the Regional Committee's comments.
5. The Foundation Committee makes a recommendation to the Executive Board with which the final decision rests.

Following satisfactory completion of the research project concerned, the medal is presented at the World Health Assembly.

In 1987, in connection with the award of the seventh fellowship, it is the turn of the Eastern Mediterranean Region to nominate candidates. In his letter to Member States, the Regional Director suggested that the subject for research be concerned with health systems research in support of national strategies for Health for All by the Year 2000 through primary health care.

Three proposals have been received, summaries of which are given hereunder. The Eastern Mediterranean Advisory Committee on Health Research, at its meeting in Lahore, Pakistan, in April 1987 endorsed all three proposals and recommended them for consideration by the Regional Committee, as all three are very important for decision-making on better delivery of primary health care services.

2. PROPOSED NAMES AND SUBJECTS

2.1. Professor Nabila Hidayat, Faculty of Medicine, Alexandria University, Egypt

Title: "Evaluation of Primary Health Care Services in Alexandria as Reflected by the Level of Child Health below Five Years of Age".

Objective: Critical analysis of the efficiency and effectiveness of services including identification of reasons for shortcomings and identification of remedies.

Research methodology

A representative sample of children below five years of age will be drawn from the official registers of health offices in Alexandria. The following indicators are expected to be studied:

A. For the whole group:

1. nutritional status as reflected by height, weight and arm circumference;
2. percentage of children immunized;
3. age-specific mortality rates;
4. disease-specific mortality rates;
5. rate of utilization of child welfare services.

B. For mothers of infants below one year:

1. percentage of women who received ante-natal care during last pregnancy;
2. percentage of births attended by trained personnel;
3. rate of utilization of ante-natal care by mothers.

2.2. Dr Yacoub Y. Al Mazroue, Director-General of Health Centres, Ministry of Public Health, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

Title: "Measuring Awareness, Acceptance and Participation of the Saudi Community in PHC Programmes".

Objectives: - to assess the level of awareness of primary health care in the Saudi community;
 - to assess the extent of community acceptance of primary health care for solving health problems;
 - to assess the level of community support in the dissemination of information concerning primary health care.

Research methodology

At peripheral level: The study will be carried out in the Qassim and Hail regions of Saudi Arabia. There are 162 health centres in these two regions; 30 rural health centres and two urban centres will be selected by stratified sampling. The sample size is estimated to be 2305 people. Analysis of data will be done by computer.

At central and regional levels: Policies and government structures in relation to local decision-making will be carefully studied and qualitative and some quantitative information will be collected by discussion and interview with a number of community leaders at regional level.

2.3. Dr Faiz Wahid Jargis, Supervisor of Oral Rehydration Therapy (ORT) Programme, Deyala Governorate, Iraq.

Title: "Effectiveness of the Iraqi Women's Federation (IWF) Activities in Increasing Coverage and Community Participation in Primary Health Care".

Objectives: To show that a trained team of the Iraqi Women's Federation as community leaders can achieve higher coverage and more acceptance from the population than official rural health teams in implementing the four measures of GOBI (Growth monitoring, Oral rehydration, Breast-feeding, Immunization).

Research methodology

Two districts will be selected for study. Villages in Bani Saeed district will be covered by Iraqi Women's Federation teams while villages in Khalis district will be covered by rural health services teams. The following will be measured at the beginning and the end of the study:

- vaccination coverage rate in children under two years;
- ORT usage rate in child diarrhoea under two years;
- number of children weighed at least three times during the first year of life;
- percentage of children shifted to formula feeding during the first year of life.

ANNEX

JACQUES PARISOT FOUNDATION

CALENDAR FOR THE AWARD OF THE SEVENTH FELLOWSHIP

1. Mid-July 1986 Letter from the Secretary of the Jacques Parisot Foundation Committee to Regional Director, EMRO
2. Mid-November 1986 Letter from Regional Director, EMRO, to all Governments in the Eastern Mediterranean Region inviting candidatures for the Award. These are to be assessed by the Eastern Mediterranean Advisory Committee on Health Research (1-3 April 1987, Kuwait) before submission to the 1987 Regional Committee.
3. 3-6 October 1987 Regional Committee meeting at which up to three proposals are selected for submission to the Jacques Parisot Foundation Committee.
4. As soon as possible after meeting of Regional Committee EMRO informs Secretary of the Foundation Committee of the proposals made by the Regional Committee.
5. January 1988 Meeting of the Jacques Parisot Foundation Committee which recommends to the Executive Board one fellow from among the three candidates proposed by the Regional Committee.
6. January 1988 Executive Board takes final decision on choice of fellow.
7. January 1988 Regional Director EMRO informs fellow of Executive Board's decision.
8. January 1988 Secretary of the Foundation Committee sends memorandum to Budget, Headquarters, with information concerning the fellowship.
9. February 1988 Fellow starts research.
10. March 1989 Report on research work presented by fellow to Regional Director, EMRO, who transmits it to the Secretary of the Foundation Committee with his appraisal.
11. May 1989 Forty-second World Health Assembly: fellow presents verbally a report on his research and receives the Jacques Parisot medal. (In his absence, this is presented to a person representing him).
12. May 1989 Director-General decides whether or not to publish the fellow's report in a WHO publication.