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Following the recommendations of the Dr A.T. Shousha Foundation Committee at the Forty-eighth Session of the Regional Committee for the Eastern Mediterranean, the Executive Board awarded the Dr A.T. Shousha Foundation Prize for 2002, by decision EB109(3), to Dr Hussein Mirchamsi (Islamic Republic of Iran) for his most significant contribution to the objectives of primary health care in the geographical area in which Dr Shousha served the World Health Organization.

Dr Mirchamsi is being honoured for his lifelong dedication to the cause of virology and childhood immunization, both in his own country and in the Region as a whole. In the 1950s, he was instrumental in the development of a laboratory at the Razi Institute for research and production of medical vaccines and sera, initially for diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis and later for measles, mumps, rubella and poliomyelitis. As a result the Razi Institute is now a significant producer of DTP, MMR and oral polio vaccine. During his long and distinguished career, he has published over 100 articles in national and international journals, as well as university textbooks in Farsi on basic virology, principles of immunology and prophylaxis and treatment with vaccines and sera.

The 2002 Dr A.T. Shousha Foundation Prize and Medal will be presented to Dr Hussein Mirchamsi by the Chairman of the Forty-ninth Session of the Regional Committee during the opening session.

The Dr A.T. Shousha Foundation Committee is also scheduled to meet during the Forty-ninth Session of the Regional Committee to consider nominations for the prize for 2003, and also to decide on the possibility of awarding a fellowship in the field of public health depending on availability of suitable candidates. 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.

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## **Citation**

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**to**

**Dr Hussein Mirchamsi  
(Islamic Republic of Iran)**

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