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Following the recommendations of the Dr A.T. Shousha Foundation Committee at the Fifty-fourth Session of the Regional Committee for the Eastern Mediterranean, the Executive Board awarded the Dr A.T. Shousha Foundation Prize for 2008, by decision EB122(2), to Professor Sayed Adib Ul Hasan Rizvi (Pakistan) for his significant contribution to public health in the geographical area in which Dr Shousha served the World Health Organization.

Dr Sayed Adib Ul Hasan Rizvi is being honoured for his significant contribution to public health in Pakistan. Dr Rizvi graduated as MBBS from Karachi University, Pakistan in 1961. He was appointed Assistant Professor of Urology at Dow Medical College, Karachi in 1971, becoming Associate Professor in 1977 and Professor in 1982. In 1972 he founded a small unit for urology and nephrology which grew to become, in 1991, the Sindh Institute of Urology and Transplantation (SIUT) of which Dr Rizvi has been Director since 1992. SIUT is the largest such centre in south Asia providing dialysis, lithotripsy, renal transplantation and related services free to all patients. Dr Rizvi has been instrumental in pursuing a successful partnership between government and the community which has enabled the Institute to exercise its philosophy of free treatment to all in need, treating over 3 million patients in the past 10 years. Since 1995 SIUT has pioneered cadaver organ transplantation and donation in Pakistan. It also offers training for technical staff, nurses and physicians, houses the School of Medical Technology, and is expanding into the areas of oncology, transplant sciences and biotechnology. Dr Rizvi is the author of numerous publications and has contributed widely to the debate on transplantation in developing countries. He is the recipient of numerous international awards, both for his work in the medical field and for his services to humanity.

The 2008 Dr A.T. Shousha Foundation Prize, consisting of a medal and equivalent of CHF 2500 in United States dollars, will be presented to Dr Sayed Adib Ul Hasan Rizvi by the Chairman of the Fifty-fifth Session of the Regional Committee during the opening session.

The Dr A.T. Shousha Foundation Committee is also scheduled to meet during the Fifty-fifth Session of the Regional Committee to consider nominations for the **prize** and **fellowship** for 2009. 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.