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Award of Dr A.T. Shousha Foundation Prize and Fellowship

1. The Dr A.T. Shousha Foundation Prize is one of several awards administered by the World Health Organization to acknowledge the work of well-known scientists, researchers or dedicated people who have greatly contributed to the advancement of public health. The Foundation was established in 1966 in memory of Dr Aly Tewfik Shousha, first WHO Regional Director for the Eastern Mediterranean.

2. The purpose of the prize is to recognize individuals who have made a very significant contribution to tackling a health problem in the Eastern Mediterranean Region.

3. The prize consists of a bronze medal and the sum of 2500 Swiss francs, which shall be awarded not more than once in each year from the accumulated interest on the Foundation's capital, including the total cost of striking the medal. It is presented to the recipient or their representative at the Regional Committee for the Eastern Mediterranean by the Committee's Chairman.

4. At its 66th session in Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran, in October 2019, the Regional Committee, based on the recommendations of the Dr A.T. Shousha Foundation Committee, decided:

- Not to award the Dr A.T. Shousha Foundation Prize in 2019;
- To postpone the call for nominations for the Dr A.T. Shousha Foundation Prize until the total amount of interest accumulated amounts to a sufficient sum for the prize.

5. The call for nominations for the award of the Dr A.T. Shousha Foundation Prize and fellowships has therefore been postponed until that accumulated interest reaches a sufficient sum for the prize.