ABRAHAM HORWITZ AWARD FOR INTER-AMERICAN HEALTH, 1996

The Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau is pleased to announce that the 1996 Abraham Horwitz Award for Inter-American Health will be presented during the XXXIX Meeting of the Directing Council. The Award is administered by the Pan American Health and Education Foundation (PAHEF).

PAHEF is collaborating partner of PAHO, incorporated as a legally independent, nongovernmental, tax-deductible organization under the laws of the District of Columbia (USA). It was created mainly to advance the fundamental objectives of the Pan American Health Organization, principally by mobilizing resources not directly available to PAHO and using them to finance health programs jointly with PAHO/WHO, and by collaborating with PAHO in project design and execution. PAHEF receives contributions from private foundations, companies, and individuals to finance a variety of health projects. PAHEF also provides the capital for a joint program with PAHO for textbooks and instructional materials for health personnel at all levels, deriving its funds from two Inter-American Development Bank loans for this purpose. PAHEF is governed by a 13-member Board of Trustees.

PAHEF has established bylaws to "govern and guide the use of a fund contributed by friends of Dr. Abraham Horwitz, Director Emeritus of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, to recognize his outstanding contribution to health in the Americas by periodically presenting an award or sponsoring a scientific conference."

According to the bylaws, "the fund will be administered by the Pan American Health and Education Foundation (PAHEF), which will receive voluntary contributions"
PASB and three selected by the Board of Trustees of PAHEF, which will also designate the Chairman."

Ministers of health, staff members of PAHO, and friends of PAHO and PAHEF are invited annually to submit the nomination of an individual or a group of persons for scientific or pedagogic achievement in any field of health, with emphasis on the effect on inter-American health rather than on a single country. The Awards Committee recommends a selection to the Board of Trustees for its approval. To the extent possible, the date and place of the award ceremony coincide with those of the meeting of the PAHO Directing Council or Pan American Sanitary Conference, and the President of the Governing Body is invited to preside and present the award. The awardee is expected to give a lecture.

The first annual award was given in September 1978 during the XX Pan American Sanitary Conference in Grenada.

Previous Award Winners:

- Dr. Ruth Puffer 1978
- Dr. Fernando Monckeberg 1979
- Dr. Hernando Groot 1980
- Dr. Luis Wannoni L. 1981
- Dr. Inés Durana 1982
- Dr. Martin M. Cummings 1983
- Dr. Roberto Caldeyro-Barcia 1984
- Drs. Ruth and Víctor Nussenzweig 1985
- Dr. Boris Szyfres 1986
- Dr. Mario Chaves 1987
- Sir Kenneth L. Standard 1988
- Dr. Jacinto Convit 1989
- Dr. Ricardo Bressani 1990
- Dr. Guillermo Soberón 1991
- Dr. Elsa Segura 1992
- Dr. Plutarco Naranjo 1993
- Mr. Humberto Romero Alvarez 1994
- Dr. Jorge Mardones Restat 1995