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41st MEETING OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON HEALTH RESEARCH (ACHR)

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AGENDA

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Esteemed Colleagues:

As a follow-up to the 40th Meeting of the Advisory Committee on Health Research (ACHR) held in Montego Bay, Jamaica, from 29 April to 1 May 2007, the Secretariat of the ACHR is organizing a second meeting in 2007, this time at PAHO headquarters. At this meeting, we hope to offer ACHR members an opportunity to interact with the managers and directors of centers linked to PAHO's technical areas.

Objectives:

- To update ACHR members on the progress made in PAHO's technical cooperation projects involving health research since the 40th Meeting in Montego Bay.
- To update and consult ACHR members about PAHO's proposed policy on health research, in order to develop an outline of the document that will be presented and discussed extensively at the ACHR meeting in April 2008 in Rio de Janeiro, and later at the 2008 meetings of the Governing Bodies of PAHO.
- To provide an opportunity for dialogue between ACHR members and PAHO's technical areas.
- To review the progress of the ACHR work agenda, including a potential new line of work related to evaluating PAHO and WHO recommendations and guidelines, and to follow up on the commitments made.
- To inform ACHR members about developments in the planning of the First Pan American Conference on Health Research and Innovation, scheduled from 16-18 April 2008 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Venue:

Headquarters of the Pan American Health Organization
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41st Advisory Committee on Health Research (ACHR)

Thursday, 29 November

09:00 a.m.-09:30 a.m.	**Opening Session**
	Opening of the event and welcoming remarks by the Secretary of the Advisory Committee on Health Research. **Dr. Luis Gabriel Cuervo** Address by the Director of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO/WHO) **Dr. Mirta Roses Periago**
09:30 a.m.- 09:45 a.m.	**Procedural Matters** Presentation of the Agenda by the Chairman of the Committee **Dr. John Lavis**
09:45 a.m.-10:00 a.m.	Presentation and interaction with members of the Committee **Chairman**
10:00 a.m.-10:15 a.m.	*Coffee break*
10:15 a.m.-11:00 a.m.	Report of the ACHR Secretariat and preliminary discussion **Dr. Luis Gabriel Cuervo**
11:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.	Report on progress and the components of the proposed policy on health research **Dr. Delia Sánchez** Consultant, Research Promotion and Development Unit (HSS/RC), PAHO/WHO
11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m.	Deliberations and recommendations
12:45 p.m.-2:00 p.m.	*Lunch*
2:00 p.m.-2:15 p.m.	Progress of the EVIPNet project in the Americas. Networks for evidence-informed health policies **Dr. Analía Porras** Consultant, Research Promotion and Development Unit (HSS/RC), PAHO/WHO
2:15 p.m.-2:45 p.m.	Deliberations and recommendations
2:45 p.m.-3:00 p.m.	*Coffee break*
3:00 p.m.-3:15 p.m.	Registry of clinical trials in Latin America and the Caribbean: PAHO proposal **HSS/RC and BIREME**
3:15 p.m.-3:30 p.m.	Deliberations and recommendations
3:30 p.m.-3:45 p.m.	Evaluation of PAHO/ WHO recommendations and guidelines: contributions for PAHO policy **Dr. Luis Gabriel Cuervo**
3:45 p.m.-4:15 p.m.	Deliberations and recommendations
4:15 p.m.-4:45 p.m.	Summary of the day's proceedings **Dr. John Lavis**
6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	Cocktail Reception

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Friday, 30 November

9:00 a.m.-9:15 a.m.	Review of the Day's Agenda **Dr. John Lavis**
9:15 a.m.-10:00 a.m.	Visits to the designated Technical Areas (and Units): ACHR members will disperse for the visits, having received information through a structured summary produced by the respective technical area
10:00 a.m.-10:15 a.m.	*Coffee break*
10:15 a.m.-10:45 a.m.	Continuation of Technical Area and Unit visits
10:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Reports on the visits to the Technical Areas by members of the ACHR
12:00 p.m.-12:30 p.m.	Deliberation and recommendations
12:30 p.m.-02:00 p.m.	*Lunch*
2:00 p.m.-3:15 p.m.	Review of the minutes and recommendations of the 41st Meeting of the ACHR **Dr. John Lavis** **Dr. Luis Gabriel Cuervo**
3:15 p.m.-3:30 p.m.	Closing Remarks **Dr. Mirta Roses Periago, Director** **PAHO/WHO**
3:30 p.m.-3:45 p.m.	*Coffee break*
3:45 p.m.-4:45 p.m.	Comments and recommendations for the final report
4:45 p.m.-5:15 p.m.	Closing Remarks **Dr. John Lavis** **Dr. Luis Gabriel Cuervo**