

REPORT OF THE WFPHA NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

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The principal task of the nomination committee after the 42nd annual meeting of WFPHA was to facilitate the nominations of vacant executive board member posts and different WFPHA committee members. Following the decision made in May 2008 at the annual general assembly meeting of WFPHA, the committee sent an e-mail to all members of WFPHA to nominate candidates in filling the following vacant posts shown in the table.

REGIONAL POSITIONS FOR REPLACEMENT ON EXECUTIVE BOARD

REGION	POSITIONS	EXPIRED	EXTENSION	REPLACE IN 2009
AFRO	1 (Ethiopia)	2009	2009-2012	No
AMRO	1 (USA)	2009	2009-2012	No
AMRO/PAHO	1 (Costa Rica)	2008	2008-2011	No
AMRO/PAHO	1 (Canada)	2007	2008-2011	No
EMRO	1 (Iran)	2007	2009	Yes
EURO	1 (Russia)	2007	2009	Yes
EURO	1 (Germany)	2008		Yes
EURO	1 (Turkey)	2009	2009-2012	No
SEARO	2	Vacant		Yes
WPRO	1 (China)	2007	2009	Yes
WPRO	1 (New Zealand)	Inactive		Yes
Total Position to be replaced				7

Ten nominations were received from 10 public health associations during the given period of time. Three of the nominations dropped, since two were nominated for posts where replacement in 2009 was not needed and one was an Executive Board (EB) member whose term should finish by 2009 and not eligible for candidacy.

After initial screening the nomination committee forwarded names of candidates for EB members to provide comments on each individuals. The committee held a teleconference meeting on April 9, 2009 to discuss the candidates and the EB comments received. Based on the feedback and comments the committee is forwarding the following recommendations:

EURO (2 positions open)

Out of the four candidates from the EURO region, the committee recommended:

1) Dr. Bettina Borisch: A resident of Geneva and a highly devoted senior public health professional who can help in positioning the WFPHA in its relationship with WHO and other UN agencies; and 2) Dr. Gunnar Tellnes: An active member of the WFPHA deliberations and committee activities in the past few years to serve on the executive board.

Should one of the two candidates above are unable to accept their nomination, Dr. Gabriela Scally will then be considered to serve on the executive board. The nomination of Dr. Guisepe La Torre was not accepted based on the inactive role of the Italian Public Health Association in the WFPHA except as a speaker (Walter Ricci) at the strategic planning meeting in Bellagio in 2007. According to the Executive Board responsibilities, an organization must be active in the WFPHA.

SEARO (2 positions open)

Considering the participation of the Bangladesh and Indian Public Health Associations in past WFPHA activities both candidates Drs. Khairul Islam and Madhumita Dobe were recommended by the nomination committee to serve on the executive board.

WPRO (2 positions open)

Considering the participation of the Japan Public Health Association in past WFPHA activities, Dr. Toshitaka Nakahara is recommended by the nomination committee to serve on the executive board. For the remaining vacant post from WPRO the committee recommended the one year extension of Dr. Jiming Cai from China Preventive Medicine Association to serve on the EB and replaced in the 2010 meeting of WFPHA.

EMRO (1 position open)

Since there was no nomination forwarded from the region the committee recommended a one year extension for the existing seat and replacement in the 2010 meeting of WFPHA.

In addition to the replacement of the Executive Board members the committee thoroughly discussed the possibility of increasing the contributions of individuals in committee works. Since most committees benefit from the expertise of different public health professionals' methods of participation should be expanded using different technologies. One recommendation from the Nomination committee is the WFPHA leadership should stress in defining committee work primarily to be an electronic communication through e-mails rather than face to face meetings. Besides this committee chairs need to use the opportunity of committee meetings in recruiting more active members and getting recommendations from their national associations in identifying appropriate individuals for the different committees.

2009 Nomination Committee

1. Dr. Mengistu Asnake, Ethiopian Public Health Association
2. Dr. Theodor Abelin, Swiss Society of Public Health
3. Dr. Jiming Cai, China Preventive Medicine Association
4. Dr. Georges C. Benjamin, American Public Health Association
5. Charlene Bright, WFPHA