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**Subject: Dr A.T. Shousha Foundation Prize and Fellowship
for 2018**

The Regional Director for the World Health Organization (WHO) Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean has the honour to invite Your Excellency to nominate a candidate for the 2018 Dr A.T. Shousha Foundation Prize. A copy of the Foundation's Statutes, as amended in October 1997, is attached for easy reference.

The Foundation Committee will hold its forthcoming meeting during the Sixty-fourth Session of the WHO Regional Committee for the Eastern Mediterranean, in Islamabad, Pakistan, from 9 to 12 October 2017, when it will review this matter and prepare a recommendation for decision by the WHO Executive Board, which will meet in January 2018. The actual presentation of the Prize to the selected Laureate will be made during the Sixty-fifth Session of the WHO Regional Committee for the Eastern Mediterranean in 2018.

In response to the recommendations of the Foundation Committee Meeting, which took place on 6 and 7 October 2016 during the Sixty-third Session of the WHO Regional Committee for the Eastern Mediterranean, the Committee decided that the Shousha Fellowship scoring sheet should be revised and returned to the Shousha Committee Members for approval. Accordingly, the revised scoring sheet and related application form have been approved and endorsed by the Committee Members.

It will be noted that the Prize, consisting of a bronze medal and the sum of Two thousand five hundred Swiss Francs, will be awarded annually to a "person having made a most significant contribution to any health problem in the geographical area in which Dr A.T. Shousha served the World Health Organization" (Article 2). Any proposed candidature submitted by a national health administration in the geographical area referred to in Article 2 of the Statutes or by any former recipient of the Prize, must be accompanied by a "written statement of the reasons on which it is based" (Article 5). It will also be noted that according to this Article, "no condition is made as to the age, sex, profession or nationality of the candidate proposed". Therefore, nominations need not be limited to nationals of the countries making them, nor to nationals of countries in the geographical areas referred to in Article 2 of the Statutes. Persons of any nationality who are thought eligible and worthy of consideration in the light of Article 2, as quoted above, may be proposed for the award of the Prize.

It is essential that the nomination made by any one national health administration be limited to one candidate and be presented together with a justification of the nomination. A lack of requisite information could greatly handicap the "Dr A.T. Shousha Foundation Committee" in its assessment of the candidates. Attention is therefore drawn to the importance of providing precise information by completing the attached detailed form.

Candidates put forward in past years, but not selected, may be nominated again for the 2018 Prize. However, the candidature of a current or a former member of the WHO Secretariat will not be taken into consideration, nor will that of a deceased person. While selecting the most suitable candidate, the Committee also takes into account previous teaching experience/background. We request the nomination to be complemented by required supporting documents such as certificates, links to the publications, copies of previous awards and special recognitions etc.

The Committee also proposes that Member States place special emphasis on the rigor of the nomination process and that nominees be persons of high caliber and meet the criteria in the nomination form.

The Fellowship Prize takes place once every five or six years, funding and suitable candidates permitting (Article 3(b) and Article 5 bis of the Statutes). The Regional Director takes pleasure to invite Your Excellency to propose the name of a person to be considered for the granting of the Dr A.T. Shousha Foundation Fellowship in 2018. The Fellowship will consist of a grant not exceeding the amount of US\$ 15,000 (US\$ Fifteen thousand), for the purpose of obtaining a postgraduate diploma or a master in public health. To ensure that the Dr A.T. Shousha Foundation Committee receives well-prepared documentation on nominations for the Dr A.T. Shousha Foundation Prize for 2018, and the Dr A.T. Shousha Foundation Fellowship for 2018, it should be noted that proposal(s) should be received together with the completed forms, endorsed and signed personally by Your Excellency, in time to reach the WHO Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean in Cairo not later than 31 August 2017. Nominations received after this closing date will not be submitted to the Foundation Committee.



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