



Abraham Horwitz Award for Excellence in Leadership in Inter-American Health Guidelines

Background

This award honors Dr. Abraham Horwitz, past director of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) and past president of the Pan American Health and Education Foundation (PAHEF). It was created by his friends and by the PAHEF board of trustees to recognize his outstanding contribution to health in the Americas.

Qualifications

The award is intended to recognize the achievements of leaders and their contributions to public health that result in improvements in the lives of people across Latin America and the Caribbean. Candidates must have an outstanding lifetime career in medicine or public health demonstrating innovation, cross-border impact, and have stimulated excellence in his or her area of expertise and in others. At the time of nomination, candidates must be contributing actively in the field, even if he or she is in formal retirement. The nomination may be submitted in Spanish or English.

Staff members, consultants, and interns in active service of PAHO, WHO, and other UN agencies; current official representatives to PAHO's governing bodies (e.g., ministers of health); sitting members of the PAHEF board of trustees; PAHEF staff, consultants, advisors and interns; and members of the Abraham Horwitz Award jury are ineligible to receive the award.

Form of the Award

The awardee receives a cash prize, certificate of honor, and a paid trip to Washington, DC, to receive the award at the annual PAHO/PAHEF Awards for Excellence in Inter-American Public Health Event and is recognized before the ministers of health of the region at the PAHO Directing Council Meeting.

Funding the Award

The Abraham Horwitz award is administered by PAHEF, seeking voluntary contributions from time to time to augment a fund created in 1978 by friends of Dr. Horwitz.

Nominating and Selection Process

Nominations must be completed online (www.pahef.org/awards), and include:

- Letter of nomination (two-page limit) signed by the nominator
- Letter of support (two-page limit) signed and submitted by an individual other than the nominator, and preferably from a country other than that of the nominee. The letter of

support should speak to the nominee's public health impact of activities/contributions to the field that results in an impact within communities or populations, as well as its distribution in society via teaching, research, leadership, advocacy, new technologies, mentorship, and policy and programs

- 400-word impact statement
- Curriculum vitae of the nominee