

The Regional Committee,

Having considered the report of the Regional Director on the development of biomedical and health services research (including research strengthening and career structures),<sup>1</sup>

1. THANKS the Regional Director for his report;
2. NOTES with satisfaction:
  - (1) the Regional Director's initiative in developing a mechanism to ensure the effective management of health research as an integral part of all WHO technical cooperation programmes, at regional and country levels;
  - (2) the progress made towards the establishment of a single national focal point within each Member State for the coordination of research, focused on national health priorities;
  - (3) the discernible impact of the decentralization of the WHO research programme at regional level, which has already been reflected in the increase in research resources at national level;
3. ENDORSES the recommendations of the Western Pacific Advisory Committee on Medical Research made to the Regional Director at its fifth session and in particular those relating to career structures in research;
4. REQUESTS Member States:
  - (1) to establish national health research management mechanisms to enable research activities to relate to well-defined national health development goals;
  - (2) to continue to develop national self-reliance in carrying out socially relevant health research;
5. REQUESTS the Regional Director to implement the recommendations of the Western Pacific Advisory Committee on Medical Research.

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