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TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS

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TOPICS FOR THE TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS

FIRST DAY
26 September
Friday

(Plenary)

1. What is a good epidemiological service?
Basic prerequisites (laboratory and statistics
in the modern context).

The essential components: (Mortality registration,
morbidity reporting, epidemics reporting, laboratory
investigation, individual case investigation, epidemic
field investigation, serological service, vector and
animal reservoir determination, assessing demographic
and environmental factors, evaluation, assessment of
control measures, immunization programmes, etc.)

Are the present services adequate?

SECOND DAY
27 September
Saturday

(Group
Discussion)

2. Discussion on components or elements of epidemio-
logical services.
3. Minimal requirement and elementary source needed
when means are limited.
4. Staffing, supervising and training. "What kind of
staff at what level?"
5. Most effective way and administrative set-up to
assure co-ordination of government and non-
government organization.

Epidemiological surveillance.

"How to put all heads together?" Team work.
Multi-disciplinary approach.

THIRD DAY
29 September
Monday (a.m.)

(Plenary)

6. In what way can WHO best assist or participate in
promoting epidemiological services?

Technical advise and training facilities.

Standardization of methods (network of WHO reference
centres)