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Internacional Education Network for Health Technicians

Regulations of the International Healthcare Technicians Education Network

The proposal to establish the International Healthcare Technicians Education Network (RETS) arose in 1996, based on two meetings organized by the Human Resources Program of the Pan-American Health Organization (PAHO) in Mexico and Cuba, which discussed technical cooperation processes and exchanges of information and studies strengthening the technical training area in healthcare throughout the Americas region. The following year, this Network was formally set up as a way of bringing out the full potential of the actions undertaken among the players committed to this training are in 21 countries in the Americas, with the Public Health School in Costa Rica serving as its Executive Secretariat. At the moment, attempts are under way to extend the geographical area of its scope, including countries on all continents that can identify needs for technical cooperation in the Healthcare Technicians training area.

CHAPTER I PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

Article 1- The purpose of these Regulations is to define the operating rules for the International Healthcare Technicians Education Network, revived by the International Forum on Education for Healthcare Technicians that was held under the aegis of the XI World Public Health Congress and the XVII Brazilian Collective Health Congress in Rio de Janeiro in August 2006.

Article 2 - The International Healthcare Technicians Education Network is a strategy for Networking and fostering technical cooperation among institutions linked directly or indirectly to the education of Healthcare Technicians, in order to strengthen National Health Systems. It is based on the assumption that worker qualification is a key aspect for implementing Government policies responding to the healthcare requirements of the population in each member country.

Article 3 – The purposes of the International Healthcare Technicians Education Network (RETS) are:

- I – To share information and knowledge related to the areas of Health, Education and Work;
- II – To identify common problems, needs and interests related to the education of Healthcare Technicians, seeking alternatives that can be shared;
- III – To foster Networking among its member-institutions in order to extend and strengthen their teaching, research and technical cooperation activities;
- IV – To bring out the full potential of research projects conducted through partnerships among the member-institutions;



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- V – To highlight the current training and qualification situations of technical workers in the healthcare area, ensuring easier identification of trends and educational requirements;
- VI – To share technical resources and methodologies designed for teaching, research and technical cooperation activities related to the education of Healthcare Technicians;
- VII – To encourage exchanges among faculty and students at technical training colleges among the member institutions in order to expand and strengthen educational processes.

CHAPTER II MEMBERS

Article 4 – The Members of the International Healthcare Technicians Education Network (RETS) may be:

- I – Government entities in charge of drawing up technical education policies in the healthcare area;
- II – Representatives of the World Health Organization (WHO);
- III – Teaching institutions running training programs for technical workers in the healthcare area;
- IV – Corporate institutions involved with the field of education for Healthcare Technicians.

Article 5 – The criteria for becoming a member of RETS are presented for the institutions and/or entities listed below, which may join the Network through a formal request submitted by their Executive Secretariat, or when invited to do so:

- I – As a Government entity in charge of drawing up technical education policies in the healthcare area;
- II – As a representative of the World Health Organization (WHO);
- III – As a teaching institution running training programs for technical workers in the healthcare area;
- IV – As a corporate institution involved with the Healthcare Technicians education area.

Paragraph One: The institutions mentioned in items I, II and IV must apply formally to join the RETS, through an official communication addressed to the Executive Secretariat of the Network, or be invited to join it.

Paragraph Two: A teaching institution complying with the requirements stipulated in item III may join the RETS at the recommendation of a Government entity mentioned in I or through a request forwarded to the Executive Secretariat of the Network, which will



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forward this validation by the Government entity in charge of drawing up technical education policies in the healthcare field at the national level.

CHAPTER III ORGANIZATION

Article 7 – The members of RETS will meet every two years, to define the Work Plan for the Network and the headquarters of its Executive Secretariat, as well as the host country and the member in charge of the organization of the subsequent event, jointly with the Executive Secretariat.

Article 8 – The Executive Secretariat will be responsible for providing the technical and administrative support for the functioning of the RETS, including the preparation and implementation of its work plan.

Sole Paragraph – Every two years, the institution in charge of its headquarters will be elected at the regular meeting, with re-election possible.

Article 9 – The functions of the Executive Secretariat are:

- I – Handling the production and distribution of a printed bulletin published regularly in compliance with the Communication Plan agreed by the Network;
- II – Taking charge of inputting the data and updating the institutional and journalistic content of the Network website;
- III – Keeping the Network as whole informed of the actions and output of its member institutions and partners, as well as policies in the fields of Health, Education and Work;
- IV – Organizing the Network Meetings at the stipulated frequency;
- V – Establishing the Work Plans for the Network, based on the systematization of demands and projects agreed by its players as a whole.

CHAPTER IV GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 10 – Matters not covered by these Regulations will be settled by the Executive Secretariat *ad referendum*, when the RETS members are not gathered together at a Meeting.

