



Sixth Session of the Advisory Committee of the Latin American and Caribbean Center on Health Sciences Information (BIREME)

BIREME/PAHO/WHO Knowledge Management, Bioethics and Research Office – KBR

The sixth session of the Advisory Committee of the Latin American and Caribbean Center on Health Sciences Information (BIREME/PAHO/WHO) was held at BIREME, in São Paulo, Brazil, on February 2nd, 2017. The meeting was held in compliance to Resolution 5 of the 49th Directing Council of PAHO/WHO (CD49.R5) in which the Statute of BIREME was approved, in effect from the year 2010, which defines its new institutionality.

The session was attended by the following members of the Advisory Committee: Permanent Members - representatives of PAHO/WHO in accordance with Resolution 5 of the 49th Directing Council of PAHO/WHO when BIREME Statute was approved; and Non-permanent Members - delegates from Argentina, Jamaica and Peru, Member States elected as members of BIREME Advisory Committee in accordance with Resolution 5 of the 54th Directing Council (CD54.R5) for a three-year term (2016-2018) and delegates from Panama and Trinidad & Tobago, Member States elected as members of BIREME Advisory Committee in accordance with Resolution 5 of the 53rd Directing Council (CD53.R5) for a three-year term (2015-2017).

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Opening Session

- 1) On February 2nd, 2017, at BIREME, in the city of São Paulo, Brazil, took place the sixth meeting of the Advisory Committee of the Center, which fulfills advisory functions to the Director of PAHO/WHO. The Session had as leader of the Secretary, Diego González Machín, Director of BIREME, and *ex officio* Secretary, supported subsequently by the elected President, Rocío Cathia Casildo Canedo, General Director of the General Office of International Cooperation of the Ministry of Health of Peru. In addition to the President of the session, Kumiko Eiguchi, Deputy Secretariat for Policy, Regulation and Control of the Ministry of Health of Argentina was elected rapporteur of the session.
- 2) Diego González Machín gave the floor to Dr. Francisco Becerra, Deputy Director of PAHO/WHO and Acting Director of KBR. In his words he mentioned the continued support of Dr. Carissa F. Etienne, Director of PAHO/WHO and the support of the Organization as a whole for the operation of BIREME as a Specialized Center for Scientific and Technical Information for the Region. He also acknowledged the support of the members of the BIREME Governance Committees who also represent the Member States of the Organization.
- 3) The presence and participation of the delegates representing the Member States of BIREME Advisory Committee and the importance of holding the meeting in the framework of the center's development were appreciated.
- 4) The delegates of the Member States of the Advisory Committee presented themselves and immediately the issues under discussion on the agenda of the Session were reviewed and the Session started.

Procedural matters

- 5) The following Member States were elected in order to constitute the directing panel of the Advisory Committee of BIREME in its sixth session:

Presidency: Peru (Rocío Cathia Casildo Canedo)

Rapporteur: Argentina (Kumiko Eiguchi)

PRESENTATIONS

- 6) The presentation of the *ex officio* Secretary who was supported by the management, administration and technical team of BIREME generated discussions that emphasized the historical importance of BIREME in the Region of the Americas, as well as the number of institutions (more than two thousand) that operate in Network for the access and use of the scientific and technical information in health. Information about the development of BIREME and the current status of the implementation of its new institutional framework and governance structures (Advisory Committee, Scientific Committee and Secretariat) was also shared, as well as its functions as part of the Office of Knowledge Management, Bioethics and Research - KBR, the potential role of BIREME in PAHO/WHO political, strategic and normative instruments and its critical importance as a Specialized Center of the Organization, consolidated in its 50 years of existence in 2017. The technical cooperation program of the Center, projects, products and services available to the countries of the Region at the local, national, regional and global levels were highlighted.

The presentations, discussions and recommendations were directed to the following axes and selection process:

First AXIS: *BIREME – History and Institutionalality*

Second AXIS: *BIREME – Financial Sustainability*

Third AXIS: *BIREME – Technical Cooperation*

Selection of the members of the Scientific Committee

Comments and Recommendations

- 7) The discussions, comments and recommendations issued, facilitated by the President of the Session and the *ex officio* Secretary, were directed towards the continuous development and strengthening of BIREME, expressed in proposals for effective dissemination of its projects, products and services in the countries of the region. Also the need to cover strategic issues and, in particular, the implementation of the institutional framework that define BIREME's institutionality in Brazil and throughout the Region.
- 8) Seventeen (17) recommendations are highlighted in the three axes and in the selection section of the members of the Scientific Committee, which were widely discussed and agreed among the members of the Advisory Committee:

First AXIS: BIREME – History and Institutionalality

- I. To finalize the Headquarters Agreement pursuant to Resolution 5 of the Directing Council 49 of PAHO/WHO (CD49.R5) "Establishment of a new institutional framework for the Latin American and Caribbean Center on Health Sciences Information (BIREME)" highlighting the item 3(a) of R5 "*To request the Director to undertake negotiations with the Government of Brazil in order to conclude a new Headquarters Agreement for BIREME that defines the responsibilities of the Government with regard to the maintenance of BIREME, as well as its privileges and immunities in that country*".

Second AXIS: BIREME – Financial Sustainability

- II. Integrate / seek other ministries in countries such as Ministries of Science and Technology, Education, Environment, and Labor that can be sources of financing for BIREME.
- III. Also invite other donor agencies to carry out projects with the Center.
- IV. To recommend the development of a resource mobilization plan to ensure the maintenance of BIREME in line with Article IX of the Statute (CD49.R5).
- V. Finding opportunities to establish sub regional and outside the Region projects.
- VI. Extend regular PAHO/WHO resources to the Center and to contribute to technical cooperation in Latin America and the Caribbean.
- VII. Commit the Advisory Committee Members as ambassadors of BIREME.
- VIII. Promote priority projects to mitigate risks in case of lack of funding.

Third AXIS: BIREME – Technical Cooperation

- IX. Strengthening the implementation of the Knowledge Management and Communications (CSP28.R2) and eHealth (CD51.R5) Strategies of PAHO/WHO.
- X. To recommend at ministerial meetings the development and strengthening of local networks for knowledge management in health.
- XI. Develop studies on the characterization of access to services and products of BIREME.
- XII. Promote infometrics as an intelligence tool for health decision-making
- XIII. Develop surveys on the use of BIREME products and services with components that address:
 - a. Satisfaction of existing users of BIREME services (satisfaction levels)
 - b. The level of awareness and extent of use of BIREME products and services.
- XIV. Develop and implement a marketing plan for BIREME products and services (to disseminate).
- XV. To recommend to the countries of the Region the participation in the 10th

Edition of the Regional Congress of Information on Health Sciences (CRICS10) to be held in Panama and promoted through Networks in the countries.

Selection of the members of the Scientific Committee

- XVI. In accordance with Article VII of BIREME Statute "Advisory Committee", BIREME/PAHO/WHO prepared and presented a list of international specialists as potential candidates for BIREME Scientific Committee:

Alfonso Sanchez, Ileana. **Information Management.** Cuba
Ochoa, Jaider. **Education and Knowledge Management.** Colombia
Oropeza, Carlos. **Scientific Communication.** Mexico
Pacheco, Roberto Carlos dos Santos. **Information Technology.** Brazil
Tristan, Mario. **Scientific Research.** Costa Rica

- XVII. It will be increased with one (1) English-speaking Caribbean delegate whose name will be sent by the Jamaican Advisory Committee Member and presented to the Advisory Committee in 2 weeks respecting the gender balance if possible.

Other topics

- 9) On the report of the VI Session, it was agreed that a final virtual meeting will be convened before the final version of the report is sent to the Director of PAHO/WHO and another meeting will be held after 6 (six) months for discussion of the progress on implementation of the recommendations.
- 10) Delegates were invited to submit their testimonies for publication in the fifth edition of the BIREME Bulletin (<http://boletin.bireme.org>).
- 11) The presence of the Delegates of the Member States was appreciated, highlighting the discussions and results achieved at the meeting as well as the BIREME team for their performance in the Center in the area of scientific information in health and especially in the realization of the VI Session of the Advisory Committee.
- 12) All participants were informed that the working documents and photos gallery for the meeting are available in the Online Collaborative Space of the Advisory Committee of BIREME:

<http://comites.bireme.org>
Login: comiteasesor
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Session Closure

After the participants shared comments on their appreciation for and experiences at the meeting, the main objectives reached towards the new institutional positioning of the Center were pointed out and the sixth session was then closed.

In witness whereof, the sixth session of the Advisory Committee of the Latin American and Caribbean Center on Health Sciences Information (BIREME) was ended, the President of the Meeting and delegate of Peru, as well as the Director of BIREME and *ex officio* Secretary, signed this final report in its original language, Spanish.

It took place in São Paulo, Brazil, in the second day of the month of February of the year two thousand and seventeen. The original signed document will be deposited in the files of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau.

Rocío Cathia Casildo Canedo
Delegate of Peru
President of the sixth session of the
Advisory Committee of BIREME/PAHO/WHO

Diego González Machín
Director of BIREME/PAHO/WHO
Secretary *ex officio* of the sixth session of the
Advisory Committee of BIREME/PAHO/WHO

Annexes

Annex A

Agenda

Opening of the Session

Presentations on the new institutional framework of the Latin American and Caribbean Center on Health Sciences Information (BIREME/PAHO/WHO), its context in PAHO/WHO, its mission, objective, technical cooperation program, work plan and budget.

Debate, questions and answers

Institutional strategic, normative and political documents and the potential role of BIREME:

- Establishment of a new institutional framework for the Latin American and Caribbean Center on Health Sciences Information (BIREME) Resolution 5 adopted in the 49th Directing council (CD49.R5), carried out in PAHO/WHO Headquarters on September 28th - October 2nd, 2009
- Biennial Work Plan (BWP) of BIREME. Summary of the Biennial Work Plan of BIREME 2016-2017
- Strategy and Plan of Action on eHealth Resolution 5 adopted in the 51st Directing Council (CD51.R5), carried out in PAHO/WHO Headquarters on September 26th - 30th, 2011
- Strategy and Plan of Action on Knowledge Management and Communications Resolution 2 adopted in the 2nd Pan American Sanitary Conference (CSP28.R2), carried out in PAHO/WHO Headquarters on September 17th – 21st, 2012

Annex B

LISTS OF DOCUMENTS

1. Meeting Agenda
Sixth Session of the Advisory Committee of BIREME
2. Members of the Advisory Committee of BIREME
List of Participants
3. Executive Report of BIREME
4. List of specialists indicated for the Scientific Committee
5. Final Report of the V Session of the Advisory Committee, held in December 3rd
2014
6. Final Report of the IV Session of the Advisory Committee, held in November 26th
2013
7. Final Report of the III Session of the Advisory Committee, held in December 5th,
2012
8. Final Report of the II Session of the Advisory Committee, held in October 25th
2011
9. Final Report of the I Session of the Advisory Committee, held in August 31st
2010
10. Internal Rules of the Advisory Committee
11. Establishment of a new institutional framework for the Latin American and
Caribbean Center on Health Sciences Information (BIREME) – 5th Resolution
approved in the 49th Directive Council, held at PAHO HQ from 28th September to
2nd October 2009 (CD49.R5)
12. Working Plan of BIREME for the current biennium 2016-2017
13. Election of three members to the Advisory Committee of the Latin American and
Caribbean Center on Health Sciences Information (BIREME) - 54th Directing
Council – CD54.R5

14. Election of three members to the Advisory Committee of the Latin American and Caribbean Center on Health Sciences Information (BIREME) – 53rd Directing Council – CD53.R5

Note: The sessions' reports and related documents are available at the BIREME's Advisory Committee Online Collaborative Space.

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LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

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BIREME/PAHO/WHO

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<i>Fabício Lima</i>	<i>Controllership and Processes Supervisor</i>
<i>Marcia Ymanaka Barretto</i>	<i>Information Technology Infrastructure Coordinator</i>

Annex D

ACRONYMS USED IN THIS REPORT

BIREME - Latin American and Caribbean Center on Health Sciences Information

CD49 – Session 49th of the PAHO/WHO Directing Council

CD49.R5 – Resolution 5 of the 49th PAHO/WHO Directing Council

CD53.R5 – Resolution 5 of the 53rd PAHO/WHO Directing Council

CD54.R5 – Resolution 5 of the 54th PAHO/WHO Directing Council

CRICS – Regional Congress of Health Sciences Information

CSP28 – 28th PAHO/WHO Pan American Sanitary Conference

CSP28.R2 – Resolution 2 of the 28th PAHO/WHO Pan American Sanitary Conference

eHealth – Electronic Health

LILACS – Latin American and Caribbean Health Sciences Literature, main regional bibliographic database of BIREME