

Farewell Avedis Donabedian

The President, Executive Board, Members and Friends of The International Society for Quality in Health Care, honour the distinguished life and acclaimed contributions of **Avedis Donabedian**, primary architect of the field of quality in health care and a Life Member of ISQua, who died peacefully

at his home in Ann Arbor, Michigan, USA, on November 9, 2000.

A tribute to Avedis Donabedian is being published in the December issue of the International Journal for Quality in Health Care. A memorial service to celebrate his life is to be held in the USA in early January.

4th WHO/ISQua Review Meeting

Executive Summary

As in previous years, 1998, 1995 and 1993, the 4th WHO/ISQua review meeting was organised to precede the 17th International Conference of the International Society for Quality in Health Care in Dublin in Ireland.

Fifty-six participants representing thirty-one countries participated in this meeting to review current QA achievements and the lessons learnt from both National QA programmes as well as pilot QA initiatives. In particular, the meeting focused on "**Quality Improvement Strategies**" and the challenges facing resource-poor countries in establishing and maintaining successful and effective quality improvement programmes.

The Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine was contracted to conduct the technical co-ordination of this meeting and this was achieved through a Scientific Committee of five members:

Vicki Doyle,

Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine

Rashad Massoud,

University Research Corporation Quality Assurance Project

Strasimir Cucic,

CBO, Dutch National Organisation for QA in Hospitals

Assaf Al Assaf,

University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center

Ferdinand Siem Tjam,

World Health Organisation, Geneva.



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Season's Greetings from ISQua, the Executive Board and Staff, to all members and friends. We look forward to a great year in 2001.