

# COMMITTEE ON EVALUATION AND STANDARDS

## REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN, 1967

**D**URING the past year, the Committee on Evaluation and Standards has been concerned with the following:

1. Control of Infectious Diseases in General Hospitals—The second edition of this manual, prepared by a subcommittee chaired by Dr. Franklin Top, was published in February.

2. Improving the Quality of Laboratory Services—At the request of the Executive Board, E&S developed a policy statement on improving the quality of laboratory services. This was reviewed by TDB at its July meeting and is now submitted to the Governing Council for its approval.

3. Evaluation Needs—E&S plans to determine the need for expanded activity in the evaluation activities of the committee.

The Committee on Evaluation and Standards also reviewed the work of the Coordinating Committee on Laboratory Methods with regard to the following items:

A. Standard Methods for the Examination of Dairy Products—The 12th edition of this manual has just been published. Regrettable delays in manuscript distribution and editing prevented publication in 1966 as planned.

B. Standardization of Milk Plating Culture Media—A satisfactory protocol for productivity testing of standard milk media has been developed and published. Further attempts are being made to develop effective procedures for check testing the quality of media on the market.

C. Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater—Preparation of the 13th edition of this

manual, which represents the combined efforts of APHA, the Water Pollution Control Federation, and the American Water Works Association, is proceeding and publication is expected early in 1970. Almost 20,000 copies of the 12th edition, published in October, 1965, have already been sold. The sponsors are attempting to obtain designation of these methods as "USA Standard."

D. Bacteriological Examination of Seawater and Shellfish—The fourth edition of this manual is presently being compiled and it is expected to be published in 1969.

E. Diagnostic Procedures and Reagents—Work on the fifth edition of this manual is progressing and publication is expected in 1968.

F. Diagnostic Procedures for Viral and Rickettsial Diseases—The fourth edition of this manual is presently being prepared with publication expected in 1969.

G. Radiological Measurement of Environmental and Biological Samples—This single manual on methods for radiological measurement of all environmental samples is being prepared with publication expected in 1969.

H. CDC Standards for Microbiological Reagents—CCLM has endorsed CDC's publications entitled "Recommended Methods for Evaluation of Microbiological Reagents" and "Recommended Specifications for Microbiological Reagents."

I. Uniformity in Standard Methods—A new ad hoc subcommittee has been formed to establish uniformity in APHA standard methods publications.

The chairman and the members of

the Committee on Evaluation and Standards would like to express their appreciation and thanks to the many subcommittees and task force groups which have worked so effectively in the development of the work of the committee in the past year. Literally, hundreds of members of the Association have been involved with the activities of this committee, and their many hours of devoted service are a tribute to the American Public Health Association. We also wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to the many members of the APHA staff who have been so helpful to the committee and have been responsible for the success of the committee's activities.

MORTON S. HILBERT, P.E., University of Michigan School of Public Health, Ann Arbor, Mich. 48104, Chairman  
BERWYN F. MATTISON, M.D., Secretary

ARTHUR G. BAKER, M.D.  
PEARL BIERMAN, M.A.  
DOHRMAN H. BYERS, M.S.  
RUTH L. HUENEMANN, D.Sc.  
EDWARD J. KILCAWLEY, M.C.E.  
ALEXANDER D. LANGMUIR, M.D.  
FELIX E. MOORE  
ERWIN NETER, M.D.  
THEODORE A. OLSON, Ph.D.  
EDWARD PRESS, M.D.  
EVA M. REESE, R.N.  
KENT T. ROARK  
IRWIN M. ROSENSTOCK, Ph.D.  
JAMES H. STEELE, D.V.M.

Staff: GEORGE J. KUPCHIK, Dr.Eng.

Report of the chairman of the Committee on Evaluation and Standards to the Governing Council at the Ninety-Fifth Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association in Miami Beach, Fla., October 22, 1967.

---

## Attention, Social Workers in APHA

The new Conference on Social Workers in APHA is vitally interested in communicating with all social workers who are Members and Fellows of the Association. If you are a Member or Fellow and a social worker and *did not*—late in August receive the two-page memorandum from Professor Geraldine Gourley describing the new conference and the program of the session of the new conference at the Miami Beach Annual Meeting of APHA in October, please advise the Circulation Records Section, American Public Health Association, 1740 Broadway, New York, N. Y., 10019, at your earliest convenience, so that records may be updated to reflect the fact that you are occupied in social work.