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Subject Dracunculiasis Wrap-up #1

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Plans are proceeding well for the International Workshop on Dracunculiasis, which USAID has agreed to fund through the Institute of Medicine,

in June 1982. Dr. Myron Schultz of CDC will chair. A draft agenda has been set, and the proposed participants were to be contacted by cable on January 26. The proceedings will be published in English and French.

- The draft protocol for surveillance, assessment of impact, and evaluation of intervention efficacy for dracunculiasis has been revised, and is being circulated for comment at CDC before being sent abroad.
- 3 We have identified a site in southern Togo where USAID/WASH is putting in

8. In early December 1981, I met with Africare staff on this subject. They were clearly interested, as their projects include providing water sources in Upper Volta, Mali, and Niger. We have sent, at their request, a follow-up letter formally asking if they would be willing to help us gather data. No reply yet.

9	In October 1981, recommended that	WHO's global Advisory regional and national	Committee on Medical	Research
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issue of Africa magazine, and the November 1981 issue of World Health. The first summary article on Dracunculiasis Surveillance should appear in WHO's Weekly Epidemiological Record at any time now.

10. We have written WHO/Geneva to ask them to officially request the regional Onchocerciasis Control Project in West Africa to have its staff include surveillance of dracunculiasis in their ongoing village-to-village surveillance activities.