



Methods in Epidemiologic,
Clinical and Operations Research

Application Form
5th to 11th March 2017 in Phu Quoc, Vietnam
Training in lung disease research

The Vietnam Integrated Center for TB and Respiratory Research (VICTORY), the Vietnam National Tuberculosis Program, the Woolcock Institute of Medical Research at the University of Sydney and the American Thoracic Society (ATS) and our partners are pleased to announce the 2017 MECOR course in Vietnam and invite participants from Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos.

This is a one week full-time course in research methods and evidence-based medicine for lung disease designed for clinicians, public health and academic staff at all stages of their careers. The course will be led by experienced international and local faculty.

The course participants will learn to develop a testable research question, understand the various study design options for finding the answers to these questions, learn to set up studies and develop an understanding of introductory statistics. They will also learn the skills necessary to critically assess research papers.

The course is conducted in English. It is conducted in a very interactive manner. Students are expected to participate actively in the classes. They will work in small groups on exercises and, over the course of the week, will develop and present a research protocol. There is a high faculty to student ratio to provide guidance throughout this process.

Target Audience

This course is appropriate for clinicians, public health practitioners and researchers engaged lung health-related activities in Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia who wish to improve their skills in clinical research and investigation. No prior experience with research is needed.

Cost of attending

For selected participants who are employed in the Vietnam, Cambodian or Laotian health, government or university system or by local NGOs we will offer scholarships covering most of the cost of accommodation, meals, and tuition as well as travel costs. A co-payment of USD 200 will be required from those participants who receive a scholarship. Participants employed by international governments, NGOs or private industry will not be eligible for a scholarship and, therefore, will be required to pay the full cost.

Participants do not need to any prior knowledge of research methods for this first course. However, participation in the higher level MECOR courses and other activities will require successful completion of this course.

LEVEL 1 APPLICATION FORM

DUE BY 5pm Saturday 4th January, 2017

Selection criteria for Level 1 MECOR

All applicants should confirm that they can fulfil the following requirements before applying

- ◆ Participants must work in a healthcare setting in Vietnam, Laos or Cambodia that relates to lung health
- ◆ Participants must demonstrate a strong interest in research
- ◆ Participants must demonstrate a high level of English speaking, reading and writing
- ◆ Participants must have a medical degree or related degree

Participants are required to attend the course and remain on-site for the full week (beginning on Sunday afternoon and finishing on the following Saturday afternoon) and are expected to do preparation in the evenings and before the course. The course work is demanding and participants are strongly encouraged to free themselves of all other commitments for the week of the course.

Payment (USD 200 for scholarship recipients and full cost for others) must be made prior to attending the course. Participants will be expected to present their research protocols or week's work on the last day.

Note: You can take advice about completing the application form but you should complete it on your own. Applications forms that contain material that is not the person's own work will be rejected.

Personal Details

1. Name:
2. University degree(s) (write year of graduation in brackets):
3. Phone number(s):
4. Email address:
5. Date of birth:
6. Current primary place of work:
7. Title of current job:

8. Describe your current duties at work (maximum 200 words).

For example, if you provide clinical care, describe what your clinical duties are. If you are engaged in teaching, describe who and what you teach. If you are an administrator, describe your role. If you are engaged in research, describe what role you play in the research.

9. Explain why you would like to attend this course. How will this course be of benefit to you and your organization (maximum 300 words)?

10. What previous training or experience you have had in research? (maximum 200 words)

11. Clinical problem: What is one clinical question from your workplace that you think would be suitable for research. Also tell us why this problem is important (300 to 350 words).

An example of a question is: "What is the rate of hepatitis due to TB treatment during the first 2 weeks in my hospital?" Then explain why this is important.

12. List any research publications or research presentations have you made (in any language). Note that you can still apply if you do not have any research publications.

Publications:

Research presentations:

13. The applicant's supervisor must sign this form to indicate:

I support the candidate's application to attend this course

If he/she is selected I will allow him/her to be absent from work from 5th to 11th March, 2017 to attend the course

If he/she is selected I will allow him/her to implement a research project that he/she has developed during the course (subject to the required approvals)

(Please tick all the above boxes to indicate agreement with these statements.)

Name:

Position:

Signature

Date:

14. The applicant must sign here to confirm:

- If I am selected and agree to attend, I will commit to attending the course and, if I cannot attend, I will provide the organizers with at least 8-week notice that I will not be attending.

- If I am selected and agree to attend, I will be present at the conference venue in Phu Quoc before 12 midday on Sunday, 5th March, 2017 and I will remain at the venue until the course is completed after lunch-time on Saturday 11th March, 2017.

- If I am selected and agree to attend, I will participate actively in class activities including contributing to the discussion, development of a study protocol and presentation of this protocol.

- If I am selected and agree to attend, I will do my best to implement the study proposal that I develop during the course.

Name:

Position:

Signature

Date:

**Please return the completed form to MECOR Secretariat
By 5pm Saturday 4th January, 2017**

Email: mecorvietnam@yahoo.com