The new FERCAP office is located at the WHO-TDR Clinical Coordination and Training Center (CCTC) at Thammasat University (TU) - Rangsit Campus. The WHO-TDR CCTC is a joint initiative between WHO-TDR and TU that aims to establish a leading service provider and catalyst for the development of quality and ethical health research. WHO-TDR Scientist and FERCAP Founding Member Prof. Dr. Juntra Karbwang-Loathavorn, TU Faculty of Allied Health Sciences (FAHS) Dean Prof. Dr. Vithoon Viyant, and TU FAHS Deputy Dean and FERCAP Treasurer Prof. Dr. Kesara Na-Bangchang were the focal persons who facilitated the formation of the center and Prof. Dr. Kesara serves as its first Director.

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The Shanghai Huashan Hospital WHO-TDR- FERCAP Training Center in GCP & Research Ethics organized a two-day training on “Developing Standard Operating Procedures for IRBs” on May 15-16. This training focused on developing IRB SOPs within the framework of international guidelines and national regulations and improving the quality of ethical review. The faculties were drawn from the Shanghai Food and Drug Administration, the Second Military Medical University Changhai Hospital, the Affiliated Hospital of Nanjing Traditional Chinese Medicine University, the Shanghai Huashan Hospital Fudan University, and FERCAP.

The participants learned how to apply ethical principles in the review practice by observing a mock board meeting and conducting a site visit of the Huashan IRB Office. The trainees, who were responsible for the management of clinical trial institutions and/or IRB management, came from 12 provinces across the China. They found the training to be useful and instructive for their daily work.

On August 21-23, the Affiliated Hospital of Nanjing University of Traditional Chinese Medicine will host the National Continuing Medical Education Programme on “Advanced Training for IRB SOPs Review of Research Protocols.” The training will discuss both the scientific issues and ethical issues involved with human subject...
research that include scientific design of research protocols, scientific issues related to clinical research in Chinese medicine, animal efficacy experiment, toxicity issues in clinical research, risk and benefit assessment, informed consent exemption, vulnerability, and SAE management.

The training program will serve as the first academic workshop of the Hospital Ethics Committee Society branch of the Nanjing Hospital Association to strengthen capacity in research ethics in Jiangsu province. On August 17-20, FERCAP will conduct a training and survey of Jiangsu Provincial Hospital, in Nanjing, China.

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FERCAP Main Activities

24 May 2009
- FERCAP Steering Committee Meeting
  Somerset Place, Seoul, South Korea

Training

13-15 April 2009
- Human Participant Protection Training
  National Institutes of Health, University of the Philippines, Manila, Philippines
21-23 April 2009
- Standard Operating Procedures Training
  Faculty of Medicine, Siriraj Hospital, Mahidol University, Bangkok, Thailand
9 May 2009
- Ethics in Social Behavior Research
  Tri-Service General Hospital, Taipei, Taiwan

Upcoming Activities

3-7 August 2009
- SIDCER-FERCAP Strategic Quality Management (SQM) Training Workshop
  WHO-TDR CCTC, TU - Rangsit Campus, Thailand
1-2 October 2009
- Ethics and Regulation of Dengue Vaccine Development
  Bangkok, Thailand
23-24 November 2009
- FERCAP Annual Conference
  Chiangmai, Thailand

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Developing Leadership in Ethical Health Research
Towards Good Practices and Integrated Systems
Chiangmai, Thailand, 23-24 November 2009

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