

Advanced Course

Medical Priorities & Clinical Tropical Medicine in South East Asia

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The course is designed for physicians specialized in infectious diseases who want to expand their clinical knowledge by the spectrum of clinical tropical medicine in South East Asia.

The course is offered by the Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute (Swiss TPH), an associated institute of the University of Basel, in collaboration with the Mahosot Hospital (Vientiane, Laos); the Wellcome Trust – Mahosot Hospital – Oxford Tropical Medicine Research Collaboration; the University of Pavia, Division of Infectious and Tropical Diseases; IRCCS S. Matteo Hospital Foundation (Pavia, Italy), and the Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University (Bangkok, Thailand).

Aim and Objectives of the course

The course aims to provide an overview of the medical priorities and of the spectrum of clinical tropical diseases in South East Asia.

Through the course, participants will be able to:

- obtain an overview of the medical priorities in South East Asia
- expand their clinical knowledge of the spectrum of endemic tropical diseases in South East Asia
- gain first-hand experience in diagnosis, differential diagnosis, and clinical management of common tropical diseases in South East Asia
- acquire practical experiences in basic laboratory diagnostic methods of parasitic diseases and the use of bed-side ultrasound in infectious diseases
- learn about the epidemiological transition from communicable to non-communicable diseases in developing countries
- appraise the local pattern of diseases in their environmental, epidemiological, and sociocultural context

Content and Structure

The course will be held in the Laotian capital, Vientiane, at the Mahosot Hospital the primary government hospital and main internal medicine hospital of the country and home of the Wellcome Trust – Mahosot Hospital – Oxford Tropical Medicine Research Collaboration.

The course participants will gain first-hand experience in daily clinical practice by joining ward rounds in various in-patient departments, attending out-patient clinics, discussing clinical case presentations with colleagues, and visiting other hospitals (Setthathirat Hospital, Friendship Hospital) and selected secondary health facilities in the vicinity of Vientiane. In addition, a teaching and training track, dedicated to the use of bed-side ultrasound in infectious diseases will parallel the clinical activities throughout the course.

To ensure maximum interactive teaching and training, all clinical activities will be conducted in small groups of no more than 5 participants. The clinical learning experience will be complemented by state-of-the-art lectures, covering clinical core topics and recent research advances.

Besides the clinical focus of the course, participants will conduct a parasitological field survey in a rural community outside Vientiane and gain practical experience with basic laboratory diagnostic methods of parasitic diseases in the field.

Evaluation and Certification

A test (multiple choice questions) will be given at the end of the course to assess the individual performance of the participants. Certificates confirming successful completion and / or attendance will be issued. Application for granting CME credit points is possible (CH, D, and other countries).

The course is in process to be accredited within the MIH curriculum of tropEd for 4.5 ECTS credit points.

Conditions for admission

- course participants are supposed to hold a medical degree plus either (a) hold Diploma in Tropical Medicine (DTM&H or equivalent) or (b) have 1 year cumulative working experience in the developing world in a setting where patients with tropical and parasitic diseases constitute the majority of the clinical workload or (c) are specialized in Infectious Diseases or Clinical Microbiology
- each participant is asked to contribute two clinical case presentations (if possible related to the field of infectious diseases, tropical medicine) from her / his own experience to be presented and discussed during the course
- the course will be held in English
- the number of participants is limited to 25

Course fee

The course fee is CHF 3850.– For students registered at the tropEd home institution the course fee is CHF 3350.– The fee must be paid 4 weeks before the start of the course. This sum includes the registration fee of CHF 500.– which is due at the moment of acceptance. If a participant does not attend the course, the registration fee cannot be reimbursed. If cancellation is less than 4 weeks before beginning of the course an additional fee of CHF 750.– will be charged.

The course fee includes accommodation with breakfast and local transport (except for the optional weekend trips) for the duration of the course. Lunch and dinner (starting at CHF 2–4 per meal) are not included in the course fee. The costs associated with international flights and visas are borne by the participants.

Health, Accident and Travel Insurance

Not covered by the institute but highly recommended.

Travel

Participants are responsible for their own international flight arrangements. Visa are issued at arrival on the airport for most nationalities (please check in advance). Pre- and post-course excursions are encouraged. During the course it will be possible to visit the main touristic sights in Vientiane and to enjoy two weekend trip to major tourist sites which might include the historical city of Luang Prabang and a trip to the ancient Khmer site of Champasak and the ‘four thousand islands’ of the Mekong river in the deep South of the country. Meeting point for the start of the course is Vientiane. Accommodation during the course and local transportation will be organized by the course team.

Disclaimer

In case of an insufficient number of participants the course can be cancelled up to 4 weeks prior to the course start. Swiss TPH is not responsible for any costs related to flight bookings, etc.

Scholarship

No scholarships are available for this course.

Facilitators

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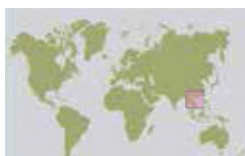
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Application deadline: 31 May 2015

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Application for Admission

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Personal details

(Names as written on your passport)

Family name: _____

Given name(s): _____ F M

Date of birth: _____ Marital status: _____

Place of birth: _____ Nationality: _____

Highest study degree: _____

Profession: _____

Address

(please give a reliable and permanent address)

Street, number: _____

P.O. Box: _____ City: _____

Province: _____ Postal code: _____

Country: _____ Fax number: _____

Phone number: _____ Mobile number: _____

E-mail: _____

Clinical specialisation, postgraduate training, attended courses (date and description)

Present or most recent position

Name of employer: _____

Type of organization: _____

Place of work: _____

Year of entry: _____ Year of leaving (if not still there): _____

Position held: _____

Main duties: _____

Previous working experiences

(Please mainly mention your assignments in countries with resources constraints):

Why are you interested in taking this course?

Please propose 3–4 clinical case presentations (if possible related to the field of infectious diseases, tropical medicine) you could present during the course (PowerPoint format, max. 15–20 min). We will select 2 cases according to the submitted spectrum of cases.

Source of funding for fees and expenses

- myself
 my employer
 other / please specify _____

Required documents (photocopies)

- 1) Filled application form
2) Curriculum Vitae (typed or computer printout)
3) 1 Photograph (passport-size)

Please indicate where you learned about the Swiss TPH courses

- colleagues course brochure Swiss TPH homepage other

Are you a tropEd registered Master student?

- yes no

If yes, which is your home institution? _____

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Please return completed form to

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In case you are not selected for admission

- The Swiss TPH shall send back the documents
 Documents shall be destroyed by the Swiss TPH

Date

Signature

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www.swisstph.ch/teaching-and-training.html