



AMSUD PASTEUR NETWORK

AMSUD-Pasteur School of infectious Diseases
DESIGN AND CONDUCT CLINICAL TRIALS IN SOUTH AMERICA

Location: La Paz, Bolivia

Dates: 12 to 17 April 2010

Number of students: maximum 30.

Course description

Clinical trials are used to test the safety and efficacy of new drugs, vaccines and public health interventions. This course, organised by AMSUD-Pasteur in cooperation with IRD and Institut Pasteur, aims to provide health professionals working in south America with the skills required for the design, execution, and evaluation of clinical trials based on Good Clinical Practice and Guidelines prepared under the auspices of the International Conference on Harmonisation of Technical Requirements for Registration of Pharmaceuticals for Human Use (ICH). Programme can be consult in AMSUD-Pasteur Website (www.amsudpasteur.edu.uy).

Who should attend?

Principal investigators, epidemiologists and public health scientists, study coordinators, fieldwork managers, clinicians, clinical research assistants, data managers, trial statisticians and clinical monitors conducting or planning to conduct clinical trials in South American countries. Nurses, pharmacologists, and other health professionals should apply only if they have already had substantial involvement in clinical trials.

Applications requirements

Applicants should have a degree in an appropriate scientific discipline and relevant professional experience. Priority will be given to students who are currently involved in clinical trials, or those who are at the design stage of a clinical trial to be implemented after the course. The course will be taught in French and translated in Spanish.

Application

Please complete the form (www.amsudpasteur.edu.uy) and provide the details requested, in particular, a statement indicating their involvement in clinical trials and why they think they would particularly benefit from attendance at the course. In addition two letters of reference should be included from persons who can vouch for your previous training and clinical trials experience. Applications should be sent by email (scanned letters accepted) or fax/post to llamadোসamsud@pasteur.edu.uy (AMSUD-Pasteur secretary). The closing date for applications is **March, 8 2010**. Candidates will be informed of the decision of the course committee by **March, 15 2010**.

Fees

There will be no registration fees for the students selected for this course. Travel grants will be available for AMSUD-Pasteur Network applicants. Applications from Andean region are encouraged. Meals and accommodation fees will be taken in charge by the organizers.

Information

For further information, you may contact either **Muriel Vray or Daniel Scott , Institut Pasteur, 25-28 rue du Docteur Roux, Paris 75015, France. Phone: 33 1 40 61 39 82 Fax: 33 1 40 61 38 99**
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Course Instructors

Muriel Vray (INSERM/ Institut Pasteur, France) is qualified in epidemiology and methodology of clinical trials. After spending 12 years working on the epidemiology of diabetes, she has joined Institut Pasteur in July 2002. Her main research interests are drugs and therapeutic vaccines in the treatment of HIV and hepatitis B infections in Africa and Asia. Muriel is currently the P.I. of a trial for treatment of chronic hepatitis B in Senegal. She serves as expert on several committees at AFFSSAPS (French agency for drugs evaluation), ANRS (national agency of research on HIV and hepatitis) and INSERM.

Laurent Brutus (IRD, France) is qualified in parasitology and epidemiology. During 15 years, he conducted various epidemiological studies and clinical trials on malaria and helminth infections in Africa and on leishmaniasis and American trypanosomiasis in South America. Ultimately he participated to one clinical trial aiming to precise treatment schedules for congenital Chagas' disease in Bolivia. He collaborated to various national and international academic courses. He served as expert on several committees at AFFSSAPS (French agency for drugs evaluation) and PAHO (Pan American Health Organisation).

Loïc Chartier (Institut Pasteur, France) has been the biostatistician (sample size calculation, analyses) and data manager (Elaboration of questionnaires, creation of data bases, data entry, queries) in the epidemiology and emerging disease unit in Institut Pasteur since 2002. He worked mainly on the HIV, tuberculosis, hepatitis B and C diseases. He has 5 years experience of teaching (Stata, Epidata, Epi-Info and Microsoft Access softwares, Data Management, Initiation of clinical Trials).