



FORUM FOR ETHICAL REVIEW COMMITTEES IN ASIA AND THE WESTERN PACIFIC REGION

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Call for Abstracts

Memorandum To: Researchers, Members of Ethics Committees, Academicians.
Clinicians, Students, etc.

From: Dr. Vichai Chokevivat
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The Forum for Ethical Review Committees in Asia & the Western Pacific will hold its annual conference in Nongkhai, Thailand, on November 29-30, 2006. The theme of this year's conference is **Transparency and Accountability in Health Research: Towards an Ethics of Responsibility in Human Subject Protection**. In this regard, we wish to formally extend to you our invitation to participate in the various conference activities.

The conference will examine the various issues related to the roles and responsibilities of various stakeholders in health research to develop transparency and accountability towards better human subject protection. Through plenary and parallel sessions, group discussions and country reports, the whole range of related issues will be explored from a multi-stakeholder perspective.

The conference aims to achieve the following specific objectives:

- To describe and compare the roles of and responsibilities of various research stakeholders related to the creation of an ethical infrastructure that supports accountability and transparency in the Asian and Western Pacific region;
- To examine the impact of current international guidelines to make research procedures more transparent;
- To identify and share best practices to address problems and barriers in creating accountable and transparent health research systems that protect human subjects and research participants;
- To consider best practices in research ethics against a background of
 - clear-cut and relevant guidelines and policies related to research ethics;
 - value sharing among various research stakeholders;
 - synergy among major international, regional and national health decision makers;
 - effective working relationships among important research stakeholders and Ethics Committees;
- To develop a relevant Asian model of an ethical research infrastructure that encourages accountable and transparent health research policies with national

health policy programs within the context of diverse Asian cultures and religions alongside pluralistic socio-economic and political systems.

During the conference, there will be parallel sessions and we invite researchers, members of research ethics committees, academics and clinicians to submit abstracts for presentation that will highlight case studies, research experiences and concepts related to research ethics. Each presentation should make specific recommendations for guideline formulation related to the conference theme. Abstracts should be about any of the following topics:

Parallel Session A: Informed Consent Issues

Parallel Session B: Conflict of Interest Issues

Abstracts should follow the format below and should be submitted to torres@fercap-sidcer.org before September 15, 2005. The best abstracts will be selected by October 15, 2005 and full presentation should be submitted by October 31, 2006. Due to funding limitations, scholarships may only be given to persons from developing countries in the Asia-Pacific region whose abstracts are chosen for presentation.

Title:

Author: (with short cv)

Organizational Affiliation:

FERCAP Country:

Parallel Session Title:

Abstract: (200-300 words) To include a problem statement, objectives, methodology, results, conclusion, recommendations