Conference Announcement and Call for Abstracts*
15th FERCAP International Conference

Improving Research Governance through Ethical Research

VENUE: Nagasaki University, Sakamoto Campus, Nagasaki, Japan
November 22-24, 2015

Forum for Ethical Review Committees in Asia & the Western Pacific

Strategic Initiative for Developing Capacity in Ethical Review

hosted and co-organized with

The Institute of Tropical Medicine (NEKKEN), Nagasaki University

Conference Objectives

- To describe and highlight concepts, initiatives and best practices in research governance systems
- To describe the role of ethical research in promoting good research governance practices
- To describe the roles of various stakeholders (research ethics committee members, institutions, investigators, sponsors, patients and regulatory authorities) in promoting ethics in research and good research governance
- To identify gaps, facilitators and barriers towards development of ethical research systems
- To identify trends and future directions of good research governance practices to maintain the highest ethical and scientific standards in health research
To develop relevant models of partnerships and alliance building in ethical research governance within the context of diverse Asian cultures and pluralistic socio-economic-political systems.

* Presentation abstracts (approximately 300 words) may be submitted to atoynavarro@yahoo.com or cristina.torres@yahoo.com on or before July 31, 2015 on a topic that would fall under any of the suggested themes listed below:

- Developing ethical research infrastructures at the national, regional, institutional levels
- Challenges and issues in upholding ethics in research
- Ethical issues in international health
- Patient empowerment in ethical research
- Regulations and national ethical guidelines towards ethical research
- Regional harmonization in drug development and ethical research
- Role of sponsors in ethical research
- Role of investigators in ethical research
- Role of research ethics committees in good research governance
- Ethical public health research to address epidemics/pandemics
- Good ethical research practice in clinical research
- Good ethical research practice in public health
- Good ethical research practice in genetic research
- Good ethical research practice in traditional medicine research
- Good ethical research practice in social science research
- Good ethical research practice in academic research
- Partnership and alliance building for research ethics
- Role of publication in ethical research
- Ethical, Legal and Social Issues (ELSI) in Biobanking

**Conference Schedule**

**November 22, 2015**
- Pre-Conference Training: 13:00-17:00
- FERCAP Steering Committee Meeting: 18:00-21:00

**November 23-24, 2015**
- Conference Proper

**November 24, 2015**
- FERCAP General Assembly and Recognition Program