Conference Announcement and Call for Abstracts*
16th FERCAP International Conference

VENUE: King Chulalongkorn Memorial Hospital Campus
Bhumi Siri Manglanusorn Building
November 20-23, 2016

Theme: Towards Harmonization of Research Ethics in Asia and the Western Pacific

The Forum for Ethical Review Committees in Asia & the Western Pacific
and
The Strategic Initiative for Developing Capacity in Ethical Review

hosted and co-organized by

National Research Council of Thailand
Faculty of Medicine Chulalongkorn University
The Thai Red Cross Society

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Conference Objectives

• To describe concepts, initiatives and best practices in research ethics
• To describe the role of research ethics committees in promoting good research practices
• To highlight best practices in ethics review and develop benchmarks towards harmonization
• To describe the roles of various stakeholders (research ethics committee members, institutions, investigators, sponsors, patients and regulatory authorities) in promoting good research ethics practices
• 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.

Call for Abstract Submission

*Presentation abstracts* (approximately 300 words) may be submitted to atoynavarro@yahoo.com and/or cristina.torres@yahoo.com on or before July 31, 2016 on a topic that would fall under any of the suggested themes listed below:

- National policy, regulations, guidelines in research ethics
- Regional harmonization in medicinal product development and ethical research
- Challenges and issues in upholding ethics in research
- Ethical issues in international health
- Patient empowerment in ethical research
- Role of research ethics committees to promote good research
- Ethical issues in traditional/ integrative medicine
- Ethical issues in public health research
- Ethical issues in socio-behavioral research
- Ethical issues in drug/ vaccine development
- Ethical issues in medical device research
- Ethical issues in Phase 1 studies
- Ethical issues in the use of healthy volunteers
- Ethical issues in academic research