



A pre-condition
and
the only sustainable key
to speed up and foster medical progress
is investment in people's skills!

Time for a change!!!



What Change?



- Let's make clinical research a “REAL” discipline!
- Clinical research ONLY WHEN it's ethical:
 - patient risk
 - evidence-based
 - qualified researchers and staff
 - good scientific practice
 - quality and reliability of results
 - made public
- Stop the waste of resources – refrain from worthless research!



Questions?



- WHO?
- WHEN?
- WHAT?
- WHERE?
- HOW?



How?



- What's the most effective approach for training and education?
 - Classroom (institutional, national, international)
 - Distant learning
 - Hands-on/coached learning
 - Initial/continuous
 - Certification/accreditation



VSCR's Objectives



- General: initial and continuing education on all aspects of clinical research
- EDCTP-specific: tailor-made training for African investigators, African Ethics Committee members, and other African Research Professionals
- Building up sites and networks through knowledge exchange
- Sustainable through train-the-trainer concept



Methods (1)



- public-private-academic partnership
- focus on principles and consistent standards
- organization of tailor-made courses (length of two to six days)
- international and interdisciplinary open faculty
- international and interdisciplinary participants
- strong African partner institutions
- continuous exchange (North-South, South-North, North-North, South-South)
- Mobility



The Network Concept





Courses, Curricula and Diplomas





Results (1)



- 14 training courses in Lambaréné, Gabon
(collaborator: Medical Research Unit, Albert Schweitzer Hospital Lambaréné – Missinou MA; Kremsner PG)
- 2 training courses in Kilifi, Kenya (collaborator: KEMRI-Wellcome Research Programme – Newton C; Marsh K.)
- 1 training course in Zanzibar, Tanzania
(collaborator: MMV – Ubben D.)
- 1 training course in Pretoria, South Africa
(collaborator: Limpopo University Pretoria – Ogunbanjo G.)
- More than 300 participants representing 17 African countries



Discussion & Conclusions



- VSCR graduates form an international network of clinical researchers
- VSCR graduates have a joint understanding of the scientific, quality-related, ethical and legal requirements of clinical research
- VSCR graduates act as knowledge multipliers within their working environments



...and next...



- EDCTP funds allow further VSCR training courses in Sub-Saharan Africa until 2009
 - 5 training courses in Lambaréné, Gabon
 - 5 training courses in Kisumu, Kenya
 - 1 training course in Blantyre, Malawi
 - 1 training course in Kilifi, Kenya



Where do we go?



- A strong network of well trained African investigators, Ethics Committee members together with African as well as European research institutions ensures GCP compliant, relevant and targeted research in Africa.
- Fight the poverty related diseases HIV/AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis



Let's build the future!

Let's build a new generation of clinical
researchers!





RECHERCHE BIOMEDICALE
Prévenir, diagnostiquer et soigner les maladies, améliorer la qualité de vie des patients et promouvoir la santé publique.
Un processus complexe qui nécessite une collaboration étroite entre les chercheurs, les cliniciens, les patients et les décideurs politiques.
Les défis de la recherche biomédicale sont nombreux : manque de financement, manque de personnel qualifié, manque de données, manque de collaboration entre les disciplines, manque de communication avec le public et les décideurs politiques.
Il est essentiel de développer des stratégies innovantes pour relever ces défis et accélérer le développement de nouvelles thérapies et diagnostics.

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TEACHING THE FUTURE

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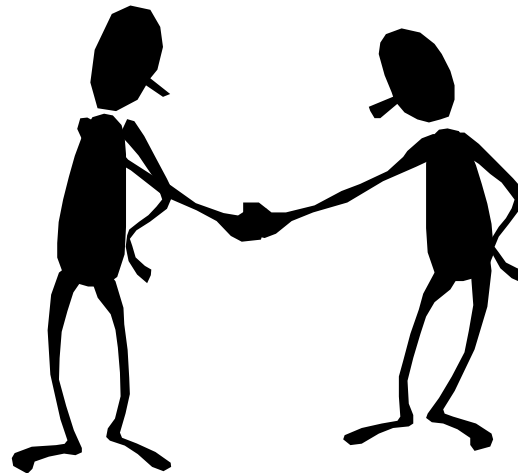


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