Postgraduate Research Training in Reproductive Health Faculty of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, University of Yaoundé

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Course Report

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in collaboration with

The Department of Health of the Canton of Geneva The Faculty of Medicine, Geneva University and The Geneva Medical Association

Participants

There were 23 participants with 2 Chadians, 1 Comorian and 20 Cameroonians, attending the Postgraduate Research Training Course on Reproductive Health in Yaoundé Gynaeco-Obstetric and Pediatric Hospital (see List of participants).

Course layout

The programme was structured as a 4 weeks course on Research Methodology, Reproductive Health, Genetics and Oncology Gynaecology. The long distance learning course was a success. All the lectures planned to be given by videoconference took place normally directly from the Geneva Foundation Office and participants could ask questions and answers were given by the lecturers.

Lectures

The Research Methodology module was structured around the following topics: Types of Epidemiological studies, Research Synthesis, Randomised Controlled Trials, Preparing a Research Project Proposal; Cohort Studies, Data Analysis.

The Reproductive Health module was structured around many topics as Ethical Aspect of Reproduction, Puberty, Menstrual Disorders, Hypothalamo - gonadal axis, Gametogenesis Fertilisation, Family Planning, Abortion, Management of emergencies in obstetrics and gynaecology in rural an urban areas, Management of post partum haemorrhage, Gynaecological cancers etc...

There was also a two days module on Clinical Management of Rape survivor and Emergency Reproductive Health Interventions. Most of the lectures were given by Dr Jonathan NZI from UNFPA West and Central Africa office in Dakar-Senegal, and one hour on Gender and Rights issues in Medicine by Miss Miren BENGOA of UNFPA, Yaounde Office.

Two lecturers came from Geneva: Dr BOURRIT who lectured on Couple infertility, Hysterosalpingography, In Vitro Fertilisation, Epigenesis, Basis of sexology and Dr Jose BENGOA who gave two hours lecture on Hepatitis B and C in Pregnancy (Epidemiology and Management).

The opening ceremony took place at mid-course chaired by the Dean of Yaounde Faculty of Medecine and Biomedical Sciences University of Yaoundé I.

Long distance lectures were given in live from the GFMER's office in Geneva by Specialists from WHO (Dr Mario MERALDI, Dr Metin GULMEZOGLU and Dr Heli BATHIJA), UNFPA (Mr Robert THOMSON) and GFMER (Dr Charles-Henry ROCHAT and Dr Shawn KOPPENHOEFER).

A speech by Prof. CAMPANA was also given to the participants from Geneva by videoconference.

Attendance to lectures

A list of presence was signed every day by each participant. The regularity in the attendance was very satisfactory.

Facilities

Throughout the Course, access to Internet was free and permanent for all the participants through a wireless local network. The majority of them used their own computer on the wireless network. Those who did not have a computer used one of the five personal computers available in the YGOPH conference room.

Basic training on the use of Internet, Medline and PowerPoint was provided.

Exams

In order to obtain the certificates, each participant had to fulfil two requirements:

- a multiple choice test (60 questions) on 10 December 2007
- a bibliographic review on a topic of their interests, including a 15 minutes oral presentation (12-13 December 2007).

All the participants attended the exams (MCQ and Oral presentation).

Accommodation

Facilities as breakfast and lunch were offered to all the participants for the duration of the Course; breakfast in the Conference room and lunch in YGOPH restaurant.

A bus was used for the transportation of all the participants for the visits of the Swiss Embassy and the UNFPA Yaounde Office.

A copy of a CD-Rom containing all the lectures where given to all the participants at the end of the Course.

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- The Geneva Foundation for Medical Education and Research (GFMER)
- The World Health Organization
- The Yaoundé Gynaeco Obstetrics and Paediatric Hospital (YGOPH).

List of speakers

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Kaptue L.	Immuno-Haematology	Faculty of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, UY I	
Tetanye Ekoe	Paediatrics	Faculty of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, UY I	
Gonsu F.J.	Radiology	Head of Department Radiology - Faculty of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, UY I	
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Bourrit B.	Obstetrics/Gynaecology	GFMER	
Bathija H.	Reproductive health	WHO	
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Bengoa J.	Gastroenterology	GFMER	
Kemfang N.	Obstetrics/Gynaecology	Yaounde General Hospital	
Sando Z.	Pathology	Faculty of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, UY I	
Toukam M.	Medical biology	Faculty of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, UY I	
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Tsingaing K.J.	Obstetrics/Gynaecology	Douala General Hospital	
Thomson R.	Sexual health	GFMER	
Merialdi M.	Reproductive health	WHO	
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Sinou M.	Obstetrics/Gynaecology		
Ze Minkande J.	Anaesthesiology	Yaounde Gynaecology, Obstetrics and Paedatric Hospital	

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