



ANNOUNCEMENT

**8th INTERNATIONAL DIPLOMA COURSE
ON MALARIA PROGRAMME PLANNING
AND MANAGEMENT**

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INTRODUCTION

This course is organized jointly by the Ministry of Health and Medical Education, Islamic Republic of Iran, the School of Public Health and Institute of Public Health Research, Tehran University of Medical Sciences, and the World Health Organization. It will provide participants with the knowledge and skills in malaria control programme planning and management, through small group work, field exercises, exchange of experience, and discussions with qualified specialists.

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the course are for the participants to gain sufficient knowledge and skills to be able to:

- Analyse the malaria situation problem and find solutions
- Plan, implement, manage and evaluate antimalaria programmes
- Develop and organize a training programme for capacity building for malaria control.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

The course is designed for medical officers and scientists involved in disease control, particularly malaria, who are presently, or will be in future, responsible for antimalaria control activities. This includes managers and potential managers of disease control programmes and provincial and district medical officers.

Candidates will be expected to have at least a medical degree or a PhD or MSc in medical parasitology, medical entomology or a related subject, and have a good command of English language.

ORGANIZATION

The duration of this intensive course is eight weeks and is practice oriented (laboratory and field), with lectures kept to a minimum and with emphasis on group work. A minimum length of time will be devoted to each subject in the class, but each participant will have to spend at least 64 working hours in the field. The minimum total structured time is 364 tutor contact hours for the entire course. Sessions will be held for a minimum of seven hours each week day (Saturday–Thursday).

Formal sessions will not be held on Fridays. Towards the end of the course, during field work and planning, participants will be required to work irregular and longer hours to complete their

COURSE CONTENT

The major subjects are:

- Computer skills for Programme Managers
- Basic epidemiology and biostatistics
- Basic malaria microscopy
- Malaria case management
- Malaria entomology
- Vector control
- Epidemiological approach to malaria control
- Planning and management of malaria control programmes.



ACCOMMODATION

The Course is fully residential (accommodation and all meals provided) at the WHO Regional Malaria Training Centre, affiliated to the School of Public Health and Institute of Public Health Research. The Centre is located in Bandar Abbas, which is a coastal town on the Persian Gulf. It is accessible by air from Tehran and several of the Persian Gulf States. The Centre has laboratory, computer and library facilities. Participants will reside in shared accommodation in the Training Centre, and there may be up to two persons in a room. The rooms are furnished and have a shower. The best available accommodation will be found for field work, where participants will spend a minimum of eight days conducting a situation analysis and stratifying a health district.



The field training will involve residence in malarious areas and visits to various localities on unpaved roads during the day and at night where exposure to malaria infection is probable. Suitable prophylaxis should be taken and participants should be prepared to take self-protection measures against mosquito-borne diseases.



They will be expected to take the usual public health precautions when travelling

in tropical areas. They are advised to take action regarding health and acci-

LANGUAGE

The Course will be conducted entirely in English. Participants will be expected to be fluent in spoken and written English and may be asked to provide evidence of this

ATTENDANCE AND CERTIFICATION

The participants will be expected to attend all sessions and field visits throughout the course and to attend the opening and closing ceremonies without exception. Travel arrangements should therefore be made accordingly in both directions before arriving in Bandar Abbas. Participants are requested not to make changes in their flight reservations during the course. Those participants fulfilling the attendance requirements and reaching a satisfactory standard will receive the Diploma in Malaria Programme Planning and Management (DMPPM) from the organizers.

**FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES**

Participation in a practical, intensive training course such as this is only the first step towards better management of national malaria control programmes and human resources development. After completion of the Course, participants need to put to good use the knowledge, skills and competence acquired. It is hoped that governments will select participants who will, upon returning to their countries or places of work, be deeply involved in antimalaria activities. This would include planning and replanning malaria control activities, managing, supervising, or implementing antimalaria action, and passing on their knowledge and skills to other health workers.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

The Course has a maximum capacity of 21 places. Interested individuals should apply preferably through their governments to their nearest office of the World Health Organization for a fellowship application form. The completed form should be submitted, along

with official government endorsement, to the World Health Organization Representative. All candidates irrespective of the their fellowship support should apply directly to the WHO Regional Office in Cairo, Egypt for a place in the Course.

Selection of candidates will be made in consultation between the World Health Organization, the Ministry of Health and Medical Education in The Islamic Republic of Iran and The School of Public Health and Institute of Public Health Research, Tehran University of Medical Sciences.

ADMISSION TO THE COURSE AND TRAVELLING TO I. R. IRAN

Selected applicants should obtain an entry visa to enter the Islamic Republic of Iran. The visa must cover the entire period of the Course up to, and including, the date of departure.

This must be obtained at least one month before the Course is due to begin, by sending passport particulars to the International Relations Department of the Ministry of Health & Medical Education of Iran through WHO representative office in Tehran.

The nearest Islamic Republic of Iran Embassy will be able to issue a visa after the office of International Relations in the Ministry of Health and Medical Education in Tehran has officially verified the applicant's admission to the course.

To avoid any confusion, a telephone call should be made to the embassy to ensure that the notification has been received before travelling to that embassy to collect the visa.

The deadline for registration to the Course in Bandar Abbas is 6th January 2005.

Any person arriving in Iran whose travel and participation have not been authorized by the WHO Regional Office will not be admitted to the Course and any expenses incurred will have to be born by the traveller.

INFORMATION THAT PARTICIPANTS MUST BRING TO THE COURSE

Applicants should prepare themselves for the course. This includes compiling data and information and obtaining maps and charts on the demographic, climatic, geographic, economic, social, health, and malaria status of their country

and of their area of work in their country over the past three years. These data and information should be brought to the Course as they will be needed during the planning sessions when each participant will be expected to develop individually a plan for malaria control for his or

PERSONAL EFFECTS THE PARTICIPANTS WILL NEED TO BRING WITH THEM

Light clothing should be brought to the Course, including appropriate footwear for the fieldwork. The average daytime temperature in Bandar Abbas will be around 35^oC, with no rain.

EXPENSES

The tuition fee is US\$ 3500. It includes full board and lodging, domestic travel, and books and training materials for the participants to use during the Course and take back with them for future reference.

Any excess luggage will have to be paid for by the participants who are therefore advised to travel light to the Course. Participants should ensure that they have adequate travel insurance.

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