



# ANNOUNCEMENT

## 13<sup>TH</sup> 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, Tehran University of Medical Sciences, National Institute for Health Research and the World Health Organization. It will provide participants with the knowledge and skills in malariology and planning control programmes through small group work, exchange of experiences and discussion with qualified specialists.



## OBJECTIVES

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

- Analyse the malaria situation and problems and find solutions.
- Plan, implement, manage and evaluate antimalaria programmes.
- Develop 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 disease control programme managers 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 to have a good command of the English language for which evidence of proficiency may be required.

## **ORGANIZATION**

This intensive course will last for 9 weeks and is practically oriented (laboratory and field) with formal presentations 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 60 hours in the field. The minimum total structured time is 345 contact hours for the entire course. Sessions will be held for a minimum of seven hours each day including all day on Thursdays. Formal sessions will not be held on Fridays. Towards the end of the course, during fieldwork and planning, participants will be required to work irregular and longer hours to complete their assignments.

## **COURSE CONTENTS**

The major subject areas to be dealt with are:

- Introduction to the use of microcomputers
- Basic epidemiology and statistics
- Basic malaria microscopy
- Malaria disease management
- Malaria entomology
- Vector control
- Epidemiological approach to malaria control
- Planning malaria control programmes

## **ACCOMMODATION**

The Course is fully residential (accommodation and all meals provided) at the Regional Malaria Training Centre located in Bandar Abbas, which is a coastal town bordering the Persian Gulf. Its international airport is accessible by air from different international airports. The Centre in Bandar Abbas has laboratory, computer and library facilities. Wireless internet is available in the Centre and participants can use internet by their laptops in their rooms. Participants will reside in shared accommodation in the Training Centre in Bandar Abbas, and there may be two persons in a room. Rooms have shower facilities but toilets are communal. The best available accommodation will be found for fieldwork, where participants will spend their time for conducting a situation analysis of a health district.



## **FIELD WORK**

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 and are advised to take out appropriate health and accident insurance for the period of the course and travel to and from Bandar Abbas.

## **LANGUAGE**

This course will provide intensive training in the subject of malaria and its control. It 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 ACCREDITATION**

The participants will be expected to attend all sessions and field visits throughout the course and to be in attendance on the opening and closing days of the course without exception. Travel arrangements should therefore be made accordingly in both directions before arriving in Bandar Abbas. Participants are not encouraged to make changes to their flight reservations. Those participants fulfilling the attendance requirements and reaching a satisfactory standard will receive the Diploma in Malaria and Planning its Control (DMPC) from the Teheran University of Medical Sciences, IR Iran.

## **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 this course, participants need to put to good use the knowledge, skills and competence acquired. It is hoped that governments will select participants for this course who will, upon returning to their countries or place of work, be deeply involved in planning and replanning malaria control activities, managing, supervising or implementing antimalaria action, and conducting training workshops, organizing seminars, or in any other appropriate form, attempting to pass on their knowledge and skills to other health workers

## **ADMISSION PROCEDURES**

This course has a maximum capacity of 24 places. Interested individuals should apply to the World Health Organization preferably through their governments. Applicants should apply to their nearest office of the World Health Organization Representative for a fellowship application form and after completion and obtaining government endorsement, submit it to the World Health Organization Representative. Candidates with independent means or fellowships granted by other agencies should apply directly to the WHO Regional Office in Cairo, Egypt for a place on the course.

Selection of candidates will be made in consultation between the World Health Organization, the Ministry of Health and Education in The Islamic Republic of Iran and The School of Public Health, Tehran University of Medical Sciences. Tehran University of Medical Sciences provides 4 scholarships to the participants from countries which will be selected by WHO-EMRO.

## **ACCEPTANCE**

Applicants who are selected to participate in this course should obtain a visa to enter the Islamic Republic of Iran and which covers the entire period of the course up to, and including, the date of flight departure. This must be obtained at least one month before the course is due to begin, from the nearest Islamic Republic of Iran Embassy. However that embassy will only be able to issue a visa after the office of International Relations in the Ministry of Health and Medical Education in Tehran has officially notified the embassy of your participation in the course. Thus a telephone call should be made to the embassy to ensure that this authorization has been received before traveling to that embassy to collect the visa.

### **ADMISSION TO THE COURSE**

Participants must arrive in Bandar Abbas no later than 14 April 2011. The absolute deadline for admission to this course is 10 April 2011. Any participant who has not been accepted by this date will **not** be admitted to this course. Any participant who has been accepted, but by 10 April 2011 is not in possession of a valid passport, with a valid visa for the I. R. Iran, will **not** be admitted to the course. Any person arriving in I.R. Iran whose travel and participation was not authorized by the WHO Regional Office will **not** be admitted to the course and will have to return by the next available flight. Any expenses incurred will have to be borne by the traveler.

### **WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO BRING WITH YOU**

Applicants should prepare themselves for the course. This should include compiling data and obtaining maps and charts on the demographic, climatic, geographic, economic, social, health and malaria status of the country and area of work in their country. This data should be brought to the course as it will be needed during the planning sessions where each participant individually will be expected to develop a plan for malaria control for their country or place of work, as an exercise in planning. Light clothing should be brought to the course, including appropriate footwear for the field work. The maximum daytime temperature in Bandar Abbas will be around 30°C, with some rainy days.

### **EXPENSES**

A tuition fee of **US\$ 4500** for this course will be payable, which includes board and lodging and books and training materials for the participants to use during the course and to 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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