The Middle East Research Ethics Training Initiative (MERETI) at the University of Maryland, USA

in collaboration with

The Salim El-Hoss Bioethics and Professionalism Program at the American University of Beirut and Jordan Society of Forensic Science

Announces Two Workshops in Research Ethics to be held at Landmark Hotel in Amman, Jordan

Training for IRB/REC Members	*International Research Ethics*
Dates: March 18-22, 2012 *Registration fees: $350*	*Dates: March 24-26, 2012* *Registration fees: $250*

Registration fees for both workshops is $500
Certificates will be given for each workshop

Closing date for applications is 15 February 2012

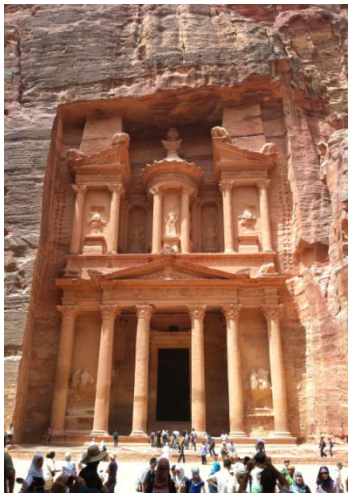
Space is Limited

Registration fees cover coffee breaks and lunch, but not travel and hotel expenses

Limited Number of Scholarships are available to cover registration fees, travel, and hotel expenses

Who Should Attend?

- Chairs and Members of Research Ethics Committees
- Investigators and research coordinators
- Members of Contract Research Organizations



Learning Objectives:

By the end of these courses, participants will be able to:

- Discuss the ethical foundations for research ethics
- Review the ethical aspects of research protocols
- Explain vulnerability
- Explain the importance of informed consent
- Discuss barriers faced by Research Ethics Committees
- Discuss issues in international research

Hotel Information: Landmark Amman Hotel and Conference Center
Tel: (962) 6 560 7100
www.landmarkamman.com
Rates: starting at 80 JD (special conference rate)
Includes breakfast

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Workshop Agendas					
Certificate for Members of IRBs/RECs (March 18 – March 22)					
	March 18 Sunday	**March 19 Monday**	**March 20 Tuesday**	**March 21 Wednesday**	**March 22 Thursday**
Session I	**Introduction** Why Research Ethics? Theory and Principles **Ethical Requirements for Protocol Review: How to use a framework**	**Therapeutic Misconception** Conflicting roles of physician and investigators **Therapeutic Misconception Lecture**	**Privacy and Confidentiality** Lecture Case Study **Coercion and Undue Inducement** Lecture	**Risks and Benefits** Lecture **Risks and Benefits** Case Study **IRB II** Monitoring of Clinical Trials **Responsible Conduct of Research I**	**Genetic I** Ethics of Stem Cell Research Lecture **Genetics II** Stored Sample Lecture Case Study
Session II	**Research Ethics in the Arab Region** Status of Research Ethics Capacity in the Arab Region Perspectives of Investigators in the Arab Region Regarding Research Ethics	**Ethical Theory I** Islamic Bioethics **Informed Consent I** Case Study	**Vulnerability** Lecture Hepatitis Vaccine Case Study **Ethics of Children Research** Lecture	**Clinical Trials I** Phases of Clinical Trials Lecture **Clinical Trials II** Ethics of Phase I Studies Lecture	**IRB III** Structure and Function of IRBs **IRB IV:** Collaborative IRB Review: The Role of a Central IRB
Lunch					
Session III	**IRB I** Categories of Research Review Challenges and Capacity of IRBs in the Arab Region	**Informed Consent II** Presentation **Waiver of Consent** Case Studies	**Ethical Theory II** Philosophical Bioethics **Social Behavioral Research** Lecture	**Fair Recruitment of Subjects** Participants' Views on research ethics **Ethics of Payment to participants**	**Presentations by IRBs from different Arab Countries: Egypt, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Yemen**
Session IV	**Protocol Review I** Outpatient Treatment of Pneumonia	**Informed Consent III** Writing an Informed Consent	**Protocol Review II** Case Study: Domestic Violence	**Protocol Review III**	**Protocol Review IV**

	Certificate in International Research Ethics (March 24 – 26)				
	March 24 Saturday	**March 25 Sunday**	**March 26 Monday**		
Session I	**International Research Ethics I** Standard of Care Case Study: AZT Trial **The Role of Equipoise in International Trials**	**International Ethics II** Achieving Fair Benefits Lecture and Case Studies **The concept of social value in research in developing countries**	**Clinical Trials III** Ethics of Placebo Trials **Controversial Cases in International Research** Trovan, Tenofovir, and TeGenero		
Session II	**The Challenge of Informed Consent In International Trials** Case study Movie Clip: Constant Gardener **Discussion:** **Helsinki Document** **CIOMS Document**	**International Research Ethics III** Exploitation • Frostbite Case Study • The SAPIT (Starting Antiretroviral Therapy at Three Points in Tuberculosis Therapy)	**Responsible Conduct of Research II** Research Integrity in the Context of Global Cooperation: What are the Challenges? **Responsible Conduct of Research III** Conflict of Interest and Publication Issues among International Partners		
Lunch					
Session III	**Regulations and Existing Laws on Clinical Trials in the Arab Countries: What is missing to ensure protection for participants?** **Research and Global Health:** **Issues of Justice**	**Community Participatory Research:** Issues regarding community engagement and community consent. **Challenges of Research Collaborative Partnership in International Trials**	**What are Ancillary Care Responsibilities of Investigators and Sponsors?** **Ethical challenges in the release and publication of ethnicity related research results**		
Session IV	**Case Studies: Group Work**	**Case Studies: Group Work**	**Case Studies: Group Work**		