

VolREthics

Volunteers in Research and Ethics initiative



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Towards Ethical Guidance to Protect Healthy Volunteers in Biomedical Research

How to protect Healthy Volunteers from Exploitation in Biomedical Research?

Online regional seminar: focus on Asia

Save the date

September 23, 2022

1:30 to 4 pm India time / 4pm to 6:30 pm Malaysia time

PURPOSE: The VolREthics international initiative on ethical issues related with healthy volunteers' involvement in biomedical research was launched by the Ethics Committee of the French National Institute for Health and Medical Research (INSERM). A first international meeting, held in February 2022 at UNESCO Paris premises, identified research situations where the rights, well-being and safety of healthy volunteers may be jeopardized, and it identified good practices implemented in some countries to address these issues.

Building on this first meeting, regional seminars are now being organized with two primary purposes: to update our knowledge on the scientific and ethical issues in specific regions of the world, and to build a repository of new insights and policy recommendations to safeguard the rights, well-being and safety of healthy volunteers globally.

SCOPE: Focusing on Asia, this regional seminar will be co-hosted by the Institute for Clinical Research (Malaysia) and the Forum for Ethics Review Committees in India (FERCI). It will include discussions on real-life situations experienced by attendees from Asia, including that of **healthy volunteers from different Asian countries. Please note that the meeting will be recorded.**

DRAFT AGENDA

→ **Introduction by the co-chairs (1:30 – 1:40 pm India time / 4pm to 4:10 pm Malaysia time)**

CK Chew (*Institute for Clinical Research, Malaysia*), Nandini Kumar (*Forum for Ethics Review Committees in India*).

→ **The VolREthics Initiative - Learnings from the first plenary meeting (1:40 – 2:00 pm India time / 4:10pm to 4:30 pm Malaysia time)**

François Bompert (*Drugs for Neglected Disease initiative*)

→ **How to protect healthy volunteers from exploitation: presentations on Asian perspectives (2:00 – 2:45 India time / 4:30pm to 5:15 pm Malaysia time)**

Confirmed speakers:

- Juntra Karbwang (*SIDCER-FERCAP Foundation, Thailand*)
- Nitya Gogtay (*KEM hospital, Mumbai, India*)
- Nicholas Leow Chun Wei (*Bioequivalence Centre & Ethics Committee Section, National Pharmaceutical Regulatory Agency, Malaysia*)

→ **Open discussion with the audience: identified risks of exploitation, field experiences, recommendations (2:45 – 4 pm India time / 5:15pm to 6:30 pm Malaysia time)**

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