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All Africa Leprosy, Tuberculosis and Rehabilitation Training Centre
ALERT 2002

The ALERT Training Programme in Tuberculosis and Leprosy for 2002

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International training in 2002
January 21–February 22
Prevention and management of disabilities

Target group: physiotherapists, occupational therapists, podiatrists as well as experienced leprosy workers involved in POD. Emphasis on both patient care (early detection of nerve function deterioration, health promotion, problem solving) and programme management (POD management, home-based care and rehabilitation).

March 11–March 29
Clinical leprosy and tropical dermatology for physicians

Highly recommended for the participants in the following ‘Management of combined programmes’ course who need to refresh their knowledge of clinical leprosy and tropical dermatology. The course can also be taken on its own by physicians responsible for diagnosis, treatment and care of patients with leprosy in either a hospital or a control programme setting.

April 1–April 19
Management of combined leprosy and tuberculosis control programmes for physicians

Target group: experienced physicians responsible for managing a leprosy and TB control programme at the regional level or above. Emphasis on programme management: needs
analysis, action plan, implementation of activities, supervision, evaluation, management of POD. Participants without leprosy experience should also take the preceding 'Clinical leprosy' course.

May 6–May 24
Essentials of leprosy and tuberculosis for administrative and programme support staff

Target group: administrative and managerial staff without a medical background, working in leprosy and TB programmes and donor agencies. Objectives: to gain a better understanding of the two diseases, to communicate more effectively with the medical staff and to contribute more efficiently in decision making and priority setting.

September 9–September 27
Essentials of leprosy for physicians

This course is for participants new to the field of leprosy or who need to refresh their knowledge. It aims at physicians responsible for diagnosis, treatment and care of patients with leprosy in either a hospital or a control programme setting.

September 30–October 11
Clinical leprosy for senior field staff

Highly recommended for the participants in the following 'Management of combined programmes' course who need to refresh their knowledge of clinical leprosy. The course can also be taken on its own.

October 14–November 1
Management of combined leprosy and tuberculosis control programmes for senior field staff

Target group: experienced nurses, paramedical workers or supervisors responsible for leprosy and TB control at the district (or equivalent) level. Emphasis on planning, implementation, supervision and evaluation of control activities, with special attention to POD, health promotion and support functions. Participants without leprosy experience should also take the preceding 'Clinical leprosy' course.

November 4–November 22
Tuberculosis Programme Managers Course

This course is organized jointly with the Nuffield Institute for Health, Leeds University, UK. Target group: health managers responsible for TB control activities at the national or
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intermediate level. Course objectives: to present the concepts on which TB control strategies are based and to identify key program elements. The course modules are organized around the stages of the programme management cycle.

November 25–December 6
Training of trainers course

This course is recommended for all cadres of health workers (physicians, senior field staff, physiotherapists, programme managers, nurses, etc.) who help health workers to learn. The course covers task analysis, setting up educational objectives, preparation of lesson plans and teaching methodology, including bedside teaching, assessment techniques, designing appropriate audio-visual aids and teaching programme evaluation.

In-service training

ALERT can offer in service training in physiotherapy, surgery, dermatology, ophthalmology, etc. Students will have the opportunity to practice in the 240 bed hospital and in the field and use self-study facilities such as CD-ROMs, video, slide programmes and library. It is possible for trainees attending courses to opt to stay on for in-service training after the courses have finished. The duration and content of the in-service training period will be arranged according to the experience and the interest of the individual trainee.

Training fees

Students stay at the ALERT hostel. Each student has a single study room. The bathroom is shared between 4 students.

Basic training fees amount to US$ 460 per week. This covers tuition, full board and lodging, laundry facilities, airport service, weekend transportation and Ethiopian Birr 30 per day pocket money. Field trips are an additional US$ 25 per day for transportation, facilitation and living expenses. Special rates are available for long-term in-service trainees. Please note that ALERT does not provide any sponsorship.

Health

ALERT does not provide health insurance. Please make sure that you are suitably insured before coming to Ethiopia.

You need a valid yellow fever vaccination certificate. Malaria prophylaxis is recommended. Although there is no malaria at ALERT, you may be exposed during field visits.

ALERT is situated at 2,400 meters above sea level so the climate can be cold. It is recommended that you bring warm clothes and rain wear.
Visa formalities

As soon as you are accepted for a course, we will send you a letter of acceptance which you may use to obtain a visa for Ethiopia. Because administrative formalities can be time consuming, we advise you to apply as early as possible.

If your country has no Ethiopian Embassy, please send your passport number, nationality and your name as written in the passport to ALERT at least three weeks before you are due to leave. We will then fax your entry permit number. You need this to get on the plane. At Addis Ababa airport immigration, you will be issued with an entry visa which you will have to pay personally in hard currency. You should bring US$ 25 for this.

Upon departure, you need US$ 20 to pay for your airport tax.

If you are interested in any of these training opportunities, contact the Training Division of ALERT. You will be sent a brochure with practical information about staying at ALERT and an application form which you should fill and send at least 3 months before the course starts.

If you would like more information about a specific course, you can visit our web site www.telecom.net.et/~tdalert or you can request a detailed course schedule form the Training Division of ALERT

ILEP Catalogue of Training Courses for Leprosy 2001

This A5 booklet of 32 pages is available from The International Federation of Anti-Leprosy Associations, 234 Blythe Road, London W14 0HJ, England (Fax +44 (0)20 7371 1621. E-mail: ilep@ilep.org.uk). The Introduction reads as follows:

The ILEP Catalogue of Training Courses brings together information on international courses and in-service training available to health workers. Training courses on leprosy, tuberculosis, dermatology, health management and community based rehabilitation are included. This reflects the diversity of the work supported by ILEP members.

We would like the information provided to be as comprehensive as possible and for this we rely on information and feedback from ILEP Members, Training Centres, Course Organisers and Participants. We thank all those who have contributed towards this latest edition.

If you would like information on your training centre and the courses you run to be included in this catalogue please use the form at the end of the present catalogue (page 29). We also welcome any suggestions on how this catalogue can be made more useful.

Inclusion of a training course in this catalogue does not signify its endorsement by ILEP. Also please note that ILEP is not a funding agency and cannot consider sponsoring trainees. For further information please contact the Training Centres directly or ILEP.

Where appropriate, there is a translation in French. The countries covered include Ethiopia, Mali, South Africa, Uganda, India, Nepal, Spain, Brazil, Mexico and USA. Pages 25 and 26 describe courses on tuberculosis run by the International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease, 68 Boulevard Saint-Michel, 75006 Paris, France (Fax +331 43 29 90
87. E-mail: union@iuatld.org. Page 27 lists other international tuberculosis courses as follows:

- Management of National Tuberculosis Programmes (AMRO). Peru (annual) in Spanish.
- International Tuberculosis Courses—WHO/UN-—Warsaw, Poland.
- International Tuberculosis Course on Tuberculosis Control—WHO/SEARO—Kathmandu, Nepal. Held annually in April.
- International Tuberculosis Course—AMRO. Cuba and Chile (annual). Spanish.
- International Course on Epidemiology and Tuberculosis—IUATLD and AMRO. Held annually in Nicaragua in Spanish.
- Laboratory Course for National Tuberculosis Programmes—WHO/WPRO. To train laboratory managers for NTPs.
- International Tuberculosis Course for National Tuberculosis Programmes—WHO/AMRO—Beijing.
- International Epidemiology and Tuberculosis Control Course—Managua, Nicaragua. Sponsored by the Ministry of Health of Nicaragua, PAHO/WHO and the IUATLD. Spanish. For further details please contact IUATLD (see previous page).
- International Course on ‘New Paradigms in the Management of National TB Control Programmes’ in Peru. Ministry of Health, Peru and PAHO/WHO. Spanish. For professionals at the national and intermediate levels who work in National Tuberculosis Control Programmes. Contact Dr P. G. Suarez, Director of the National Tuberculosis Control Programme, The Ministry of Health, Av. Salaberry cuadra 8 Lima 11, Peru. Tel: 424 3571.
- International Epidemiology and Tuberculosis Control Course, Chile. Sponsored by the Ministry of Health and other organisations. Spanish. For more information contact Dr M. Zuniga, Director of the National Tuberculosis Control Programme in the Ministry of Health, Fax: 562 630 0467.
- Laboratory Training courses are held on an ad-hoc basis. Please contact Dr Adalbert Laszlo of the LCDC in Canada via e-mail: alaszlo@hpbc.ca.

Contact: Carolyn Mohan, PAHO, 525 Twenty-third Street, NW, Washington DC, USA
Tel: 001 202 974 3713
Fax: 001 202 974 3656
E-mail: mohancar@paho.org

Finally, page 28 lists courses run by The Royal Tropical Institute (KIT) in Amsterdam:

Courses: Organized by the Royal Tropical Institute

- International Course in Health Development (ICHD).
- International Course on District Health Care at locations in Amsterdam, Mali (together with ENMFI), Zambia (together with PAID—ESA), Vietnam (together with HSPH).
- Training Workshops on Women, Gender and Development.
- Training Workshops for Trainers on Women, Gender and Development.
- Training Workshops on Gender, Citizenship and Good Governance.

Modular Training Courses in the following fields:

- Managing Programmes for Leprosy Control.
- Health Policy and Management, Health Systems Research.
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- Health Financing, Health Management Information Systems.
- IEC, Human Resources Development for Health.
- Reproductive Health, Nutrition.
- Communication and Teamwork.
- Emergency Aid and Disaster Preparedness.
- Biomedical sciences.
- EPI-info.
- Quality Assurance in Health Systems.
- Health Promotion.

Contact: Ms Jenny Postema. Institution: Royal Tropical Institute (KIT), P.O. Box 95001, 1090 HA Amsterdam, The Netherlands.
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16th International Leprosy Congress

The 16th International Leprosy Congress will be held from August 4th to 9th, 2002, at the Convention Center, Salvador, Bahia, Brazil. The languages of the Congress will be English and Portuguese. Posters illustrating participants’ work and research will be on exhibit throughout the Congress. In addition, paid exhibit space can be reserved for products or organizations.

Presentations at the Congress will cover all aspects of leprosy and its control, including experimental and laboratory science, clinical science, program planning and management, training, education and social aspects. Each day, a State-of-the-Art lecture will be presented on a key issue.

To receive information regarding fees and registration, please contact the Secretary for Administration, Instituto Lauro de Souza Lima, Rodovia Comandante Joao Ribeiro de Barros, Km 225/226, Caixa Postal 3021, CEP 17001-970, Bauru, SP, Brazil. Fax +55 (14) 221-5914, e-mail: brazil_leprosy@ilsl.br.

20th World Congress of Dermatology

The next World Congress of Dermatology will be held in Paris from 1st to 5th July 2002, at the Palais des Congrès. For further information, please contact the Congress Secretariat:

SER Guidelines in French

The French translation of Guidelines for the Social and Economic Rehabilitation of People Affected by Leprosy ‘Directives pour la réadaptation sociale et économique des personnes
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 atteintes de la lèpre is now available. Based on combined experience from ILEP programmes, this book is aimed both at people working in social and economic rehabilitation and programme managers thinking of becoming involved in this area.

Please use the attached form to order your copies now.

ILEP Order Form

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Translated by: Dr Alexandre Tiendrebeogo
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Publications on leprosy in Spanish

We are grateful for copies of Revista de Leprología Fontilles from the Sanatorio San Francisco de Borja, 03791, Fontilles, Alicante, Spain. Apart from articles on leprosy from many parts of the world, this journal regularly carries information about training courses (in Spanish) held at the sanatorium, together with detailed information on recent publications in the world literature.

The Revista Internacional de Dermatología y Dermocosmetica Clínica publishes selected articles from the International Journal of Dermatology (Official publication of the
International Society of Dermatology. It is sponsored by Saned (Sanidad ediciones) and edited from Madrid. Manuscripts should be sent to Saned, SL, JJ Vilata Corell, Capitán Haya 60, 28020, Madrid, Spain. Each issue deals mainly with dermatological subjects, but also has a section on leprosy.

Robert Cochrane Fund for Leprosy, UK

The Fund, in memory of the great leprologist Robert Cochrane, is administered by the Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene. It is to be used to finance up to three travel Fellowships each year, to a maximum value of £1000 each. The Fund will support travel for:

Leprosy workers who need to obtain practical training in field work or in research
Experienced leprologists to provide practical training in a developing country

There is no restriction on the country of origin or destination providing the above requirements are fulfilled. Application forms are available from the Society and completed forms must be received by the Society at least 6 months ahead of the proposed visit. All applications must be sponsored by a suitable representative of the applicant’s employer or study centre, and agreed by the host organization. A two-page report on the travel/study should be submitted to the Society within 1 month of the recipient’s return.

Apply: Robert Cochrane Fund for Leprosy, Manson House, 26 Portland Place, London W1N 4EY, UK. Fax: +44 (0)171 436 1389.

The Malaria Red Trunk

Under the general heading of improving malaria information support for health professionals in Southern Africa, a ‘Malaria Red Reference Initiative’ was developed in August 1999 between WHO and the University of Zimbabwe Medical Library. The essential components consist of 1) a Southern Africa Malaria Red Information centre, 2) The Malaria Red Trunk, 3) The Malaria Red File and 4) E-mail and Electronic Sources of Information. Further information on these is obtainable from Dr Graham Root, Research, Monitoring and Evaluation Officer, Southern Africa Malaria Control Programme, WHO, 95 Park Lane, Harare, Zimbabwe. Fax (263) 04 728998. E-mail: groot@samara.co.zw

By way of a progress note, Dr Root has recently written to us indicating that the Red Trunk has been distributed to 10 countries in Southern Africa. Trunks are given to each National Malaria Control Programme, the WHO country office, a few provinces and several research institutions. The response so far has been very positive and it is now intended to take the trunks to the district level. The contents will be reduced, concentrating on core texts on malaria.

[Following the success of the Blue Trunks from WHO, there may now be room for discussion on the provision of similar trunks for HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and other major public health diseases—if indeed this has not already been done].
RELEASE, International Nepal Fellowship

We are grateful to Dr Friedbert Herm, Release Medical Advisor, and Shailendra Gautam, Acting Programme Manager, for their report of the Leprosy Control Programme for the year 2000. The background reads as follows:

The International Nepal Fellowship

The International Nepal Fellowship (INF) is an International Non-Government Organisation (INGO) working in Nepal. For nearly 50 years, INF has been working with His Majesty’s Government and the people of Nepal to improve the health and develop the health services of the country. INF seeks to be a partnership, supplying expatriate specialists to work with and for Nepali nationals in different projects, mainly in the Western and Mid Western Regions of Nepal.

RELEASE

RELEASE is one of the five projects of INF. Working predominantly in the Western Region, RELEASE includes four inter-dependant programmes. All of the programmes are focused on holistic healthcare and rehabilitation. They work through different mixtures of service provision, training, networking, community mobilisation and advocacy. The Leprosy Control Programme (LCP) supports anti-leprosy treatment and prevention of impairment and disability activities through the government health system. Green Pastures Hospital (GPH) provides tertiary referral and rehabilitation facilities for people disabled by any cause, but especially those with complications due to leprosy or other neuro-disabilities. Partnership for Rehabilitation (PFR) offers social and economic rehabilitation, skills training and income generation support primarily for those affected by leprosy, their families and communities in order to help them to improve their own quality of life. The Drug Rehabilitation and AIDS Programme (DRAP) offers detoxification and rehabilitation for drug misusers, works to prevent HIV infection, and provides psycho-social support for people who are infected or affected by HIV/AIDS. All four programmes receive administrative and technical support from the Project Office (PO).

This report documents the activities of the Leprosy Control Programme throughout 2000. Technical data are for the Nepali fiscal year (July 1999–July 2000). Other reports are available from RELEASE for the remaining programmes of the project.