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9TH ANREC

10TH - 12TH
JULY 2017,
SERENA HOTEL
KAMPALA - UGANDA

ANNUAL NATIONAL RESEARCH ETHICS CONFERENCE

THEME: “EFFECTIVE COLLABORATIONS IN RESEARCH:
PROMOTING MUTUAL & EQUITABLE PARTNERSHIPS”

Uganda National Council for Science and Technology (UNCST) is organizing the 9th Annual National Research Ethics Conference (ANREC) from 10 - 12 July 2017 in Kampala, Uganda. ANREC is a platform for engagement and interaction among the various actors involved with human research participants. Researchers, regulators, policy makers, members of research ethics committees, civil society groups and research communities, come together to share experiences and discuss contemporary issues affecting the conduct of human research participants in Uganda and the region. ANREC has been held consistently by UNCST and partners every year since 2009.

The 9th ANREC will focus on how researchers can develop effective collaborations in research that maximize benefits of research among themselves as research collaborators and also to research participants and their communities. The aim is to equip researchers in Uganda, policy makers, research ethics committees, with knowledge and skill of how to build research collaborations that ensure fairly and equitable benefits sharing. The key issues to discuss will include sharing human materials and data, consent process in genomics and related studies and publications ethics. The 9th ANREC is an opportunity to explore the aforementioned issues in Uganda, East Africa and around the world, and more importantly, how we can develop more effective collaborations in research in Uganda.

The 9th ANREC will feature distinguished local and international speakers. The detailed program as well as speakers information are available at www.uncst.go.ug.

Prior to the conference, the Forum for Research Ethics Committee Chairpersons in Uganda (FRECU) will hold their 24th meeting on Monday 10th July 2017. FRECU is attended by Chairpersons of RECs only.

Topics

Day 1: Tuesday 11th July 2017

Opening Session

Welcome remarks and opening address

- a. Setting the stage: Conference objectives and expected outcomes
- b. Remarks by the Executive Secretary, UNCST;
- c. Remarks by the Executive Director, NDA
- d. Remarks by the Director General, UNHRO
- e. **Key note address:** Global trends and patterns of collaboration in research : Implications for research in Africa.
- f. **Skit:** Effective Research Collaboration
- g. National Bioethics Award ceremony
- h. **Official opening:** Prime Minister of the Republic of Uganda

Plenary session 1

- History of collaboration in research in Uganda: What lessons have we learnt?
- How is the digital age changing the nature of collaboration in research?
- Genomics and bio-banking: Will it reduce or enhance future collaboration in research?

Parallel Sessions (sub-themes)

a. Consent Process Track 1

- Getting the most appropriate local content in the informed consent process
- Consenting for genomic/genetics studies: Do we need more guidelines?
- Consenting for future studies on human materials: lessons from the Uganda's guidelines.
- Responsibility of local investigators and institutions in promoting mutually collaborative research

b. Data sharing and ownership: Track 2

- Laws, regulations and guidelines on sharing and ownership of human materials and data;
- The roles and responsibilities of Research Ethics Committees in sample collection and Material Transfer Agreements
- Human materials and data sharing agreements: Do they actually work?
- New trends in electronic data capture and storage: Implications for research in Uganda.

Day 2: Wednesday 12th July 2017

Plenary session 2

- Getting fair and equitable benefits from collaborations in research with respect to human materials and data.
- Human materials exchange and data sharing: Experiences of MUST Harvard Research Collaboration, Mbarara
- Case study on data sharing: Whose research? Whose data? The one who pays the piper calls the tune: Collaboration in research in a fishing community.

Plenary session 3

- Knowing your research ethics committee: biz to biz meetings*
- Panel discussion, "Effective Collaboration in Research"---a regional perspective (by Chairpersons of Research Ethics Committees from the region)

Plenary session 4

Closing remarks / Award of Certificates

Participation & Arrangement

Participants are expected to come from Ugandan institutions, agencies and the community, including, but not limited to REC members, investigators, research regulators, policy makers, and opinion leaders. Participants are also expected from neighboring countries and guests from overseas. The conference will have formal presentations, group discussions and case studies. Exhibitions and poster presentations may also be made.



Fees & Payment Details

The conference fee is UGX 200,000/= only, for early registration before 15th June 2017; thereafter registration fee would be UGX 400,000/= This fee caters for tea/coffee breaks, water and lunches during 2 days of the conference only. Any other costs are to be met by the participant

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Registration & Inquiries

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