

Advanced Course

# Medical Priorities & Clinical Tropical Medicine in South East Asia

26 August - 7 September 2018  
in Vientiane, Laos



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The course is designed for physicians who plan to work in the field of tropical medicine in South East Asia and for those who want to expand their clinical expertise on the spectrum of tropical diseases endemic in South East Asia.

The course is offered by the Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute (Swiss TPH), an associated institute of the University of Basel, in collaboration with the Laotian National Institute of Public Health, the Mahosot Hospital, the Wellcome Trust-Mahosot Hospital-Oxford Tropical Medicine Research Collaboration, the Division of Infectious and Tropical Diseases of the University of Pavia (Pavia, Italy), and the Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University (Bangkok, Thailand).

### Aim and Objectives of the course

The course aims to provide an overview of the medical priorities and the spectrum of clinical tropical diseases in South East Asia.

At the end of the module the students should be able to:

- specify the clinical medical priorities in South East Asia
- appraise and analyse the local pattern of diseases in their environmental, epidemiological, and sociocultural context
- critically reflect on diagnosis and treatment of endemic tropical diseases in South East Asia
- practice and interpret basic laboratory diagnostic methods of parasitic diseases and ultra-sound in the field

### Content and Structure

The course will be held in the Laotian capital, Vientiane, and be based at the Mahosot Hospital the primary government hospital and main internal medicine hospital of the country and home of the Wellcome Trust-Mahosot Hospital-Oxford Tropical Medicine Research Collaboration (LOWMRU).

The course participants will gain first-hand experience in daily clinical practice by joining ward rounds in various in-patient departments, attending out-patient clinics, discussing clinical case presentations with colleagues, and visiting other hospitals (Setthathirath Hospital, Friendship Hospital) and selected secondary health facilities in the vicinity of Vientiane.

To ensure maximum interactive teaching and training, all clinical activities will be conducted in small groups of no more than 5 participants. The clinical learning experience will be complemented by state-of-the-art lectures, covering clinical core topics and recent research advances.

In the second week of the course, the participants will gain practical experience with laboratory diagnostic methods for parasitic diseases and with the use of ultrasound in the field by conducting a field survey in a rural village community within driving distance of Vientiane.

### Participants

Medical Doctors, clinicians and highly experienced health staff.

### Evaluation and Certification

A test (multiple choice questions) will be given at the end of the course to assess the individual performance of the participants. Application for CME-points is possible (CH, D, EU), within the MIH curriculum of the tropEd candidates will receive 3 ECTS for this module.

### Conditions for admission

- course participants are supposed to hold a medical degree plus either (a) hold Diploma in Tropical Medicine (DTM&H or equivalent) or (b) have 1 year cumulative working experience in the developing world in a setting where patients with tropical and parasitic diseases constitute the majority of the clinical workload or (d) are specialized in Infectious Diseases or Clinical Microbiology.
- each participant is asked to contribute two clinical case presentations of his / her own working place to be presented and discussed during the course.
- the course will be held in English.
- the number of participants is limited to 24.

### Course fee

The course fee is CHF 3250.–. For students registered at the tropEd home institution the course fee is CHF 2990.–. The fee must be paid 4 weeks before the start of the course. This sum includes the registration fee of CHF 500 which is due at the moment of acceptance. If a participant does not attend the course, the registration fee cannot be reimbursed. If cancellation is less than 4 weeks before beginning of the course an additional fee of CHF 750 will be charged.

The course fee includes accommodation with breakfast as well as daily transfer to the hospital, to lunch, and between hospitals. (accommodation with accompanying living partners/children may be provided free of additional charge on inquiry).

Transfer from and to the airport (7 USD one way) as well as lunch and dinner (starting at ~2–4 USD per meal) are not included in the course fee.

### Health, Accident and Travel Insurance

Not included/covered by the course fee, but highly recommended.

### Travel

Participants are responsible for their own international flight arrangements and costs. Visa are issued at arrival on the airport for most nationalities (please check in advance; ~30 USD). The cost for the visa is not a priori included in the course fee, however, at the 2015 course the Laotian Ministry of Health arranged a free visa for course participants. We hope that this can be arranged again. During the course it will be possible to go on a weekend trip to the historical city of Luang Prabang. This optional weekend trip is not included in the course fee and course participants have to arrange the domestic flights and accommodation in Luang Prabang themselves.

Meeting point for the start of the course is Vientiane on Sunday September 3rd at 3 p.m. (registration and opening ceremony).

### Disclaimer

In case of an insufficient number of participants the course can be cancelled up to 4 weeks prior to the course start. Swiss TPH is not responsible for any costs related to flight bookings, etc.

### Scholarship

No scholarships are available for this course.

## Facilitators

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**Application deadline: 31 May 2018**

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For further information please contact:

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## Application for Admission

### Medical Priorities & Clinical Tropical Medicine in South East Asia

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#### Personal details

(Names as written on your passport)

Family name: \_\_\_\_\_

Given name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ F  M

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Marital status: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Nationality: \_\_\_\_\_

Highest study degree: \_\_\_\_\_

Profession: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Address

(please give a reliable and permanent address)

Street, number: \_\_\_\_\_

P.O. Box: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal code: \_\_\_\_\_

Country: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax number: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Courses attended recently: date and description

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\_\_\_\_\_

#### Present or most recent position

Name of employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of work: \_\_\_\_\_

Year of entry: \_\_\_\_\_ Year of leaving (if not still there): \_\_\_\_\_

Position held: \_\_\_\_\_

Main duties: \_\_\_\_\_

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#### Previous working experiences

(Please mainly mention your assignments in countries with resources constraints):

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#### Why are you interested in taking this course?

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Please propose 2–3 clinical care presentations you could present during the course (PowerPoint format, max. 15–20 min). We will select 1 (–2) case(s) (according to the submitted spectrum of cases) for presentation by each course participant.

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**Source of funding for fees and expenses**

- myself  
 my employer  
 other / please specify \_\_\_\_\_

**Required documents (photocopies)**

- 1) Filled application form
- 2) Professional Diploma(s)
- 3) Curriculum Vitae
- 4) English proof
- 5) 1 Photograph (passport-size)

**Please indicate where you learned about the Swiss TPH courses**

- colleagues     tropEd     course brochure     internet     Swiss TPH homepage     other

**Are you a tropEd registered Master student?**

- yes     no

If yes, which is your home institution? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please return completed form to**

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**In case you are not selected for admission**

- The Swiss TPH shall send back the documents  
 Documents shall be destroyed by the Swiss TPH

**Date**

**Signature**

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<https://www.swisstph.ch/en/courses/medical-priorities-and-clinical-tropical-medicine-in-south-east-asia/>

