Proposal for the implementation of the
WHO/TDR Global Health Research Practice Course (GHRP)
in Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) with a focus on capacity development in quality and ethics in Public Health research

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Summary

This proposal suggests adapting, translating and implementing the WHO/TDR GHRP course in Latin America and the Caribbean.

The IPH has successfully trialled the WHO/TDR GHRP course, also in Heidelberg, essentially extending the existing standards for clinical research to the wider field of public health research, linking ethics and quality in human health research. This course is very
relevant to any Public Health orientated agency and researcher, but especially in LAC, since this course was currently only
developed and implemented in the English speaking health research communities.

The course needs further development for the Spanish and Portuguese speaking environment and implementation: the main
partners of the proposal plan to develop the module further, test and roll out the module within an existing research network of
PAHO, in collaboration with the University of Santiago de Chile and the Heidelberg Center for Latin America, Santiago.

One of the most important features of the project is that health professionals from a different background are
- involved in the development of the training programme materials (such as clinicians, epidemiologists, diagnostic experts, ecologists,
  etc..),
- trained together, to understand better the multi-factorial genesis of health and ill-health,
- to collaborate in the future on combined research and control efforts

The timeframe and the deliverables for the project entail: 1) a course adaptation/development/translation (6 months, third and fourth
quarter of 2015), 2) a trial of the course, 20 participants, one week (first quarter of 2016) and 3), including “training the trainers”
(CIDEIM participants from a previous course trial).

As for the technical project proposal leads, the quality of the course and the selection of course participants with ongoing research
developments will be guaranteed:

Dr Horstick, currently directing the teaching unit of the IPH, has a long standing track record in the field of global health, working for
international agencies (WHO), bilateral agencies (GIZ) and NGOs. In this context he has been involved in the development of the
GHRP course (WHO/TDR) and including many research projects in LAC. Furthermore, in his last position, Dr Horstick has been
managing large trilateral cooperation projects in LAC, based as an advisor to the Brazilian government. This expertise and the
resulting networking ensure the viability of the project.

Dr Irma Palma is the Director of PASA (Programa de Aprendizaje en Sexualidad y Afectividad), as a PhD in Psychology and as an
associated professor of the Faculty of Social Sciences of the University of Chile. She works predominantly in the interdisciplinary field
of studies on sexuality, especially related to societal changes in relation to its modernisation. Dr Palma is involved with her research work in the Latin American imitative on sexuality education.

Dr Zaida Yadon (PAHO) has been supporting the processes for Communicable Disease Control and EcoHealth in PAHO for more than a decade. She collaborates since 2006 in an inter-agencies initiative developed in collaboration with IDRC, the Organization of American States (OAS) and the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) with focus in research for the prevention and control of three priority vector-borne diseases LAC: Chagas disease, dengue and malaria - considering the EcoHealth approach. She has been supporting and is continuing to support a considerably body of research and capacity building focusing on human health research, with workshops on strengthening project development, data analysis, and scientific writing skills.