

# Conference Announcement and Call for Abstracts\* 15<sup>th</sup> FERCAP International Conference

## *Improving Research Governance through Ethical Research*

**VENUE: Nagasaki University, Sakamoto Campus, Nagasaki, Japan  
November 22-24, 2015**

Forum for Ethical Review Committees in Asia& the Western Pacific



Strategic Initiative for Developing Capacity in Ethical Review



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The Institute of Tropical Medicine (NEKKEN), Nagasaki University



### **Conference Objectives**

- To describe and highlight concepts, initiatives and best practices in research governance systems
- To describe the role of ethical research in promoting good research governance practices
- To describe the roles of various stakeholders (research ethics committee members, institutions, investigators, sponsors, patients and regulatory authorities) in promoting ethics in research and good research governance
- To identify gaps, facilitators and barriers towards development of ethical research systems
- To identify trends and future directions of good research governance practices to maintain the highest ethical and scientific standards in health research

- To develop relevant models of partnerships and alliance building in ethical research governance within the context of diverse Asian cultures and pluralistic socio-economic-political systems.

\* **Presentation abstracts** (approximately 300 words) may be submitted to [atoynavarro@yahoo.com](mailto:atoynavarro@yahoo.com) or [cristina.torres@yahoo.com](mailto:cristina.torres@yahoo.com) on or before July 31, 2015 on a topic that would fall under any of the suggested themes listed below:

- Developing ethical research infrastructures at the national, regional, institutional levels
- Challenges and issues in upholding ethics in research
- Ethical issues in international health
- Patient empowerment in ethical research
- Regulations and national ethical guidelines towards ethical research
- Regional harmonization in drug development and ethical research
- Role of sponsors in ethical research
- Role of investigators in ethical research
- Role of research ethics committees in good research governance
- Ethical public health research to address epidemics/pandemics
- Good ethical research practice in clinical research
- Good ethical research practice in public health
- Good ethical research practice in genetic research
- Good ethical research practice in traditional medicine research
- Good ethical research practice in social science research
- Good ethical research practice in academic research
- Partnership and alliance building for research ethics
- Role of publication in ethical research
- Ethical, Legal and Social Issues (ELSI) in Biobanking

## **Conference Schedule**

November 22, 2015

- Pre-Conference Training: 13:00-17:00
- FERCAP Steering Committee Meeting: 18:00-21:00

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- Conference Proper

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- FERCAP General Assembly and Recognition Program