News

The Advisory Group on Clinical Trial Registration and Reporting (AGCTRR)
The 1st Meeting of the AGCTRR was held 4-5 November 2009 in Geneva. The AGCTRR advises the ICTRP on
• the strategic direction of the ICTRP
• scientific and technical issues relating to clinical trial registration and reporting
• the criteria by which a clinical trial registry will be deemed to be assigned the status of WHO Primary Registry
• the WHO trial registration data set
• other issues relating to clinical trial registration and reporting

Centre for Clinical Trials, Clinical Trials Registry (Chinese University of Hong Kong) now a partner registry of the Chinese Clinical Trial Registry
A Hong Kong Registry, the Centre for Clinical Trials, Clinical Trials Registry of the Chinese University of Hong Kong is now a partner registry of the Chinese Clinical Trial Registry (ChiCTR). It is administered by the Centre for Clinical Trials, Chinese University of Hong Kong. The registry collects and makes publically available the WHO trial registration dataset. Trials registered on Centre for Clinical Trials, Clinical Trials Registry (www.cct.cuhk.edu.hk/eng/services/TrialReg/index.html) are now also registered on ChiCTR in accordance with a memorandum of understanding. The result of this important development is that trials registered on Centre for Clinical Trials, Clinical Trials Registry of the Chinese University of Hong Kong now meet WHO ICTRP and ICMJE requirements, and therefore meet necessary requirements for publication in many major periodicals.

International Standards for Clinical Trial Registration
The ICTRP Working Group on Best Practice for Clinical Trials Registers (BPG) is in the process of finalizing the International Standards for Clinical Trial Registration. It is expected that the standards document will be published in 2010.

The Multilingual ICTRP website
Although the ICTRP eNote is currently produced only in English, we recognize the value of making information available in a multitude of languages. Having released the multilingual version of the ICTRP website in July earlier this year, we are now seeing the fruits of this endeavour. One-third of all traffic to the website is now coming through the versions in French, Spanish, Chinese, Arabic and Russian. As we continue to spread the word and the ranking of the multilingual versions moves up in popular search engines such as Google, we will better be able to advocate for the prospective registration of all clinical trials.
Depicted in the figure below is the number of visitors to the ICTRP home page by month and by language in the 6 months since the sites were published.

![chart showing number of visitors by month and language]

**Presentations and events**

- Presentation: Ghassan Karam, WHO ICTRP IT Officer. **35th Brazilian Congress of Pharmaceutical Medicine**, Sao Paulo, Brazil, 12-14 November 2009.
- **DIA / IFAPP** Pharmaceutical Policy Forum 2010, London, United Kingdom, 4-5 February 2010.

**Recent publications of interest**

*Listing of the publications below does not imply WHO endorsement.*

**Comparison of Registered and Published Primary Outcomes in Randomized Controlled Trials**
Sylvain Mathieu, Isabelle Boutron, David Moher, Douglas G. Altman, and Philippe Ravaud
JAMA 302: 977 - 984, 2 September 2009;

**Trial Publication after Registration in ClinicalTrials.Gov: A Cross-Sectional Analysis**
Ross JS, Mulvey GK, Hines EM, Nissen SE, Krumholz HM

**Drug trials outsourcing: Clinical concerns**
Editorial

**Publicity material**

Help us to raise awareness of trial registration and of the WHO International Clinical Trials Registry Platform (ICTRP). Please **contact us** if you are organizing a meeting and would like to distribute postcards or other material about the ICTRP to delegates.
Happy Holidays

The ICTRP would like to wish all our readers a wonderful holiday season, and a happy and healthy new year in 2010.

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The WHO Registry Platform e-Note is scheduled for publication on the last Friday of every second month. The next e-Note is scheduled for circulation on Friday 26th February 2010. Suggestions for the next edition can be sent to via http://www.who.int/trialsearch/Contact.aspx .

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