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Short Course on

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A course providing comprehensive training in all aspects of travel medicine under the patronage of the World Health Organization

Course aims

The certificate course «Travellers' Health» aims at preparing the participants to provide relevant information for travellers and to assess travel-related problems occurring during travel and after their return with a special focus on tropical diseases. The general objectives are to provide up-to-date information in travel medicine with regard to:

- Preventive pre-travel advice including immunizations and other aspects during travel
- Appropriate risk assessment and behaviour during travel
- Management of travel related diseases based on individual and epidemiological features

Structure

The course consists of three parts:

1. Pre-travel advice:

Goals of travel medicine, vaccinations, vector borne disease prophylaxis, special risk groups, standardization of travel advice, information tools, communicating information.

2. Health problems abroad:

Common health problems during travel and their management.

3. The returning traveller:

Differential diagnosis of travel-related diseases (fever, diarrhoea, skin disorders, eosinophilia), management of imported diseases.

Evaluation and Certification

A multiple choice question test at the end will be used to assess the individual performance of the participants. Certificates confirming successful completion and /or attendance will be issued.

Within the tropEd Master of International Health-curriculum this course counts for 1.5 credit points (ECTS).

Course fee

The course fee is CHF 1100.-. For students registered as tropEd Master student at a tropEd home institution the course fee is CHF 950.-. The fee must be paid 4 weeks before the start of the course. This sum includes the registration fee of CHF 100.- which is due at the moment of acceptance. If a participant does not attend the course, the registration fee cannot be reimbursed. If cancellation of attendance is less than 4 weeks before beginning of the course an additional fee of CHF 350.- will be charged.

Participants

The course is open to medical doctors, senior nursing staff, pharmacists and other health professionals, but also to travel industry staff with a strong interest in travel medicine.

Applicants within the tropEd Masters Programme must give a short overview over their previous MIH-studies; the course counts for 1.5 ECTS.

The number of participants is limited to 40; the course language is English.

The Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute

The Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute (Swiss TPH) in Basel, founded in 1943, offers an interdisciplinary approach to teaching, research and services in the field of International Health. The Medical Department of the Swiss TPH runs

- the second largest Travel Clinic in Switzerland, for all vaccinations including yellow fever,
- a Centre of Competence in Tropical and Travel Medicine (examinations and treatment of tropical diseases by specialists in tropical medicine),
- the Swiss Reference Centre for Imported Human Parasitoses for serological and parasitological investigations

For more information please consult the Swiss TPH website: www.swisstph.ch

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Academic panel and course direction

The course will be organized by the Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute, Basel, and the Institute for Social and Preventive Medicine of the University of Zürich, a collaborative centre of WHO, together with the PMU / HCU Genève (Prof. Dr. L. Loutan), the PMU / CHUV Lausanne (Prof. Dr. B. Genton), the Inselspital Bern (Prof. Dr. H. J. Furrer), and the Department of Infectious Diseases and Tropical Medicine, University of Munich, Germany (Prof. H. D. Nothdurft). Patronage: the University of Basel, the World Health Organization, the International Society of Travel Medicine, the Expert Committee of Travel Medicine, and the Swiss Specialist Society for Tropical and Travel Medicine.

Course director: Prof. Dr. Christoph Hatz, Head of the Medical Department of the Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute (Swiss TPH), Basel, and the Division of Communicable Diseases, Institute of Social and Preventive Medicine, University of Zürich.

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