

**2022
YEARS**



International Workshop on “Research integrity in clinical trials - challenges and solutions in low-middle income countries”

Jointly organized by UEARs and COMSTech



**23-24 February 2022
Cairo Marriott Hotel - Cairo, Egypt**

Introduction:

Globally the pursuit and dissemination of knowledge enjoys a place of distinction, and the public expects to reap considerable benefit from the creative and innovative contributions of scientists. As science becomes increasingly tangled with major social, philosophical, economic, and political issues, scientists become more accountable to the larger society of which they are a part. Therefore, it is more important than ever that those individual scientists and their institutions periodically reassess the values and professional practices that guide their research as well as their efforts to perform their research work with integrity.

Behind every medicine and intervention that people have ever taken, are thousands of patients who have volunteered to participate in clinical trials, which have led to many breakthroughs in disease prevention and treatment in the last few decades. Without the willingness of these individuals, many would have suffered. The value of clinical trials depends on the quality of information produced and the relevance of the data to address public health needs. Nevertheless, there are many less-developed countries that do not have well-prepared medical infrastructure and little or no experience in conducting trials. Moreover, there is considerable heterogeneity across countries and even within each country, when it comes to health care systems. This may result in some differences in many aspects starting from the review process itself to all the other steps of conducting trials such as data monitoring and patient safety.

To overcome these challenges, UEARS invited COMSTech to engage the OIC researchers (as part of the audience) in training and development in the area of research integrity in clinical trials. Hence, a 2-day international workshop is being jointly organized by UEARS and COMSTech to address the challenges of research integrity in clinical trials in low-middle income countries and propose the best suitable guidelines to improve the quality of research in this domain.

Workshop Objectives

- The meeting and its workshop will help devise solutions for the challenges faced in clinical trials by low-middle income country
- To impart knowledge and training about research integrity
- To create a network of professionals working in the field for continuous learning and exchanges

Expected outcomes:

- A draft of recommendations concerning research integrity in clinical trials will be documented
- Certification given to participants concerning research integrity training in clinical trials
- Distribution of statement to relevant institutions

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Content of the course (Topics/Lectures to be covered):

Provisional Program. More detailed one will be available shortly.	
Day 1 – 23 Feb 2022	
Introduction to the Workshop: Khalid Khan, Spain	
Workshop Moderator: Mahmoud AbdelAleem, Egypt	
Session 1 (10-12)	Critical appraisal of clinical trials: Moderated by Hesham Inany and Mohamed A. Youssef, Egypt
Session 2 (12–14)	Ethical issues in multicenter clinical trials: Moderated by Aurora Bueno, Spain
Session 3 (15:17)	Design and statistical analysis of clinical trials: Moderated by Javier Zamora, Spain
Day 2 – 24 Feb 2022	
Session 1	Regulation and oversight of clinical trials: Moderated by Luciano Mignini, Argentina
Session 2	Publication of clinical trials: Moderated by Jeffery Andrews, USA
Session 3	Presentation of recommendations for feedback and finalization: Yacoub Khalaf, UK

Target Audience:

Students, scientists, researchers, experts, healthcare managers, government officials, think tanks, health NGO's, policy makers from the domain of multicenter clinical trials research from across the world and global south countries.

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Provisional List of Speakers

Professor Dr. Khalid Saeed Khan	COMSTech Distinguished Scholar, University of Granada
Professor Dr. Yacoub Khalaf	London College, UK and UEARS Distinguished Scholar
Professor Dr. Mohamed Bedaiwy	University of British Colombia, Canada and UEARS Distinguished Scholar
Dr. Mohamed Fawzy	UEARS Cofounder
Professor Dr. Mohamed Aoughar	Cairo University, Egypt and Chief Editor, MEFS Journal
Professor Dr. Gamal Serour	Al Azhar University, Egypt and President of EFSS Society
Professor Dr. Mahmoud A AbdelAleem	Assiut University, Egypt. Head of Ethics Committee of Research, Assiut University, Member of National Ethics Committee of Egypt
Dr. Patick Chien	BJOG Deputy Editor, UK
Professor Dr. Aurora Bueno	University of Granada, Spain
Professor Dr. Javier Zamora	University of Madrid, Spain
Professor Dr. Gian Carlo Di Renzi	University of Perugia, Italy
Professor Dr. Jeffery Andrews	Medical Director BD and Editor, USA
Professor Dr. Tayyiba Wasim	Editor Esculapio Journal and SIMS, Lahore, Pakistan
Professor Dr. Mohamed Yahya	Sohag University, Egypt and UEARS Scholar
Professor Dr. Mohamed Sabry	Sohag University, Egypt and UEARS Scholar

Registration Process

Step 1: Registration for Physical Participation

<https://www.purespot.org/register.php?id=277&code=2322022>

Step 2: Registration for Virtual Participation <http://bit.ly/3nTFdjP>

Step 3: Read instructions in the application form carefully and submit a properly filled form.

Step 4: Selected candidates will be notified through email; hence, applicants are required to check their emails regularly.

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Travel & Local Hospitality

For accommodation, organizers will offer different packages to international participants to suit their needs and seniority. No travel grants will be provided to participants travelling for the workshop. Participants are expected to get their travel funding from their parent organizations/country of origin.

Scientific Coordinator and Technical Focal Person

Dr Mohamed Fawzy,
UEARS representative
Cairo, Egypt

Workshop Conveners:

1. Professor Dr. Khalid Saeed Khan, COMSTECH Distinguished Scholar
2. Professor Dr. Yacoub Khalaf, UEARS President

Workshop Coordinators

1. Muhammad Haris Akram, Program Manager, COMSTECH
2. Professor Dr. Mahmoud Ahmed Abdelaleem, Head of Ethics Committee, Assiut University, Egypt
3. Professor Dr. Ali Mahran, UEARS Distinguished Scholar
4. Professor Dr. Hazem AbdelGhafar, UEARS Distinguished Scholar