Mentoring the Mentors in Global Health Research
Workshop, 20-21 November 2014
Bangalore, India

Agenda

A workshop for South Asian mentors interested in nurturing early career investigators in biomedical and behavioral global health research

Venue: St. John’s Main Auditorium – 1st Floor, St. John’s Research Institute, St. John’s National Academy of Health Sciences, Johnagar, Sarjapura Road, Bangalore – 560034. India.

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Workshop objectives:
1. To form a cohort of mentors in global health research across South Asia to support cross-collaboration and ongoing training
2. To develop a conceptual framework for mentoring in global health research with examples (and a plan for dissemination)
3. To identify barriers to mentoring in global health research at the individual, institutional and global levels with proposed solutions
4. To develop individual mentoring action plans and action plans for institutions in South Asia to support mentoring
5. To share well-developed and published tools and resources regarding mentoring fundamentals from UCSF and UC Berkeley with South Asian institutions and share mentoring resources and needs from St. John’s Research Institute / icddr, b / JSS Medical College

1st day, November 20, 2014

8:00am-8:30am: Registration and pre-workshop survey completion
8:30am-9:30am: Lighting of the Lamp Ceremony
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Welcome Note by Director, St. John’s National Academy of Health Sciences (Rev. Dr. Paul Parathazham)
Introduction to SJRI by Dean, St. John Research Institute (George D’ Souza)
Welcome and Introductions, Ice-breaking exercise
Individuals paired, everyone introduce their buddy – name, history, share a personal story (problem or success with mentee)—T. Raj

9:30am-9:45am: Participant perspectives: Framing the needs—M. Gandhi
9:45am -10:45am: Opportunities and Challenges in Mentoring Health Researchers in the South Asian Setting
Keynote: N.K. Ganguly
10:45am-11:15am: Group Photo: Lawns, St. John’s Auditorium and Tea Break: Terrace, St. John’s Main Auditorium

11:15am-12:00pm: Mentoring Fundamentals: Panel 1
- Definitions of mentoring and a conceptual framework (M. Gandhi)
- Goals and expectations of the mentoring relationship (M. Ekstrand)

12:00am-1:15pm: First breakout session: Individual, institutional, and global barriers to mentoring and brainstorming on solutions
Audience groups of 6-8 members each with faculty facilitation
Each group with two faculty facilitators (45 min); individual groups present to whole audience (30 min)
Moderator—F. Qadri

1:15pm-2:30pm: Networking lunch: Terrace, St. John’s Main Auditorium
2:30pm-3:45pm: Mentoring Fundamentals: Panel 2
- Time management for researchers and how to teach that to mentees (M. Gandhi)
- “How to Give and Receive Feedback (M. Anand)
- Mentoring for Work-Life Issues (P. Madhivanan)

Audience Discussion – C. Cohen

3:45pm-4:00pm: Tea Break: Terrace, St. John’s Main Auditorium

4:00pm-4:45pm: Introduction to resources and tools of mentoring as developed by UCSF’s CTSI Mentoring Program
M. Gandhi
Mentoring Development Program materials

4:45pm-5:30pm: Audience goal discussion: Fill out action plans what you hope to change about your mentoring as a result of this conference, lessons from today – T. Raj, L. Riley, P. Madhivanan
7:30pm: Informal group dinner (Venue of the Social Dinner will be informed later) – Group to assembly at SJRI by 6:30 pm

2nd day, November 21

8:00am-8:30am: Introduction, Summary of Day 1 Surveys, Overview of Day Two  
M. Gandhi

8:30am-9:45am: Mentoring Fundamentals: Panel 2  
- Scientific Writing with Early Career Investigators (C. Cohen)  
- Conflict resolution: Tips and techniques (M. Gandhi)  
- When to transition the mentoring relationship (L. Riley)  

Audience Discussion – M. Anand

9:45am-10:00am: Tea Break: Terrace, St. John’s Main Auditorium

10:00am-11:05pm: First breakout session, Mentoring Consultation Clinic  
- Participants split into 6-8 person focus groups. One participant presents “case” of problem with mentee or problem with mentoring and, after questions (see instructions in book), solutions offered (30 minute clinic; 30 minutes present cases to group)  
  Two faculty facilitators for each group, Moderator: T. Raj, F. Qadri

11:10am-12:10pm: Second breakout session, Discussion of tailoring mentoring concepts and programs according to cultural setting  
- Participants split into 6-8 person focus groups. Participants to discuss adapting mentoring tools and plans according to their institutional and cultural context (e.g. North-South differences) with possible challenges and solutions (30 minute group sessions; 20 minutes presentation to group)  
  Two faculty facilitators for each group, Moderator: M. Anand, M. Ekstrand

12:10-12:30pm: Discussion of diversity in the South Asian context  
Introduction of concept of discussing diversity of faculty member and mentees in the South Asian context (e.g. socioeconomic diversity and class, rural/urban, country, other). Conversation topic to be introduced and then discussed over lunch with facility facilitation.  
Introduction: P. Madhivanan

12:30pm-1:30pm: Lunch with table (facilitated) discussion of diversity topic

1:30pm-2:30pm: Next Steps to Create a Mentoring Program at JSS, St. John’s, icddr, b  
M. Anand, T. Raj, F. Qadri, M. Ekstrand

2:30pm-3:30pm: Group exercise: Breakout groups of 6-8 persons
Participants develop recommendations on how to address institutional commitment to mentoring at their institutions and present to the group.

Two faculty facilitators for each group, Moderator: M. Gandhi, C. Cohen

3:30pm-3:45pm
Wrap-up, action points and summary
Moderator: M. Gandhi, T. Raj

3:45pm-4:00pm
Fill out post-workshop survey

Journal articles:


Mentors’ Manual for Health Sciences Training in Africa. Editors