Lumbreras Course in Tropical Medicine
Lima, Peru

Name of Organization: Gorgas Institute of Cayetano Heredia University

Dates of Elective: March 30-April 24, 2015

Website: http://www.upch.edu.pe/tropicales/capacita/ROTATION/index.htm

Goals/Objectives of the Elective: The main objective of this course is to allow participants to develop skills for prevention, diagnosis and treatment of infectious and tropical diseases, including bacterial diseases, mycosis, parasitic infections, viral infections, sexually transmitted diseases/AIDS and accidents caused by poisonous animals. Participants should integrate clinical knowledge with epidemiology, parasitology, microbiology and pathology issues to manage the infectious and tropical diseases mentioned above.

Description of Elective: This course is targeted to third- and fourth-year medical students. A maximum of 24 participants will be accepted. All teaching activities will be in English. The schedule involves formal teaching activities from 8.00 am – 2.30 pm, from Monday to Friday for four weeks. For the remainder of the day, students will pursue self-directed clinical research topics focusing on the epidemiology or microbiology of the diseases listed in the Objectives above. The course will include:

Lectures: Two lectures are scheduled every morning. These lectures cover important topics on infectious diseases and tropical medicine. Epidemiology, clinical presentation, diagnostic methods, differential diagnosis, treatment and prevention are covered in a 45’-presentation. Participants will receive handouts to follow-up the presentation.

Clinical rounds: A group of 6 participants and a senior faculty will see and discuss two to three cases every morning. Patients may be hospitalized or in an outpatient clinic. Based on the former participants’ comments, this is the most exciting part of the course, where each student has the opportunity to actively participate in the clinical discussion.

Laboratory sessions: Micology, parasitology, leishmaniasis and malaria will be covered. In each session, participants will learn the different microscopic characteristics of diverse agents in a very interactive way.

Case conferences: Interesting cases will be discussed. This activity may cover topics that have not been previously covered during lectures or clinical rounds.

Slide sessions: Typical images (skin lesions, X-ray images, etc) will be shown to allow participants to discuss differential diagnosis in an interactive way.
Supervision: The course is supervised by Dr. Coralith Garcia, the director of the tropical medicine course, who is usually present during the day to facilitate flow and address concerns. Lectures and labs are provided and supervised by internal medicine and infectious disease faculty. Clinical rounds are conducted together with faculty physicians, with the aid of local senior medical student teaching assistants.

Tuition. Tuition for 2015 will be $1250 U.S. dollars.

Travel. Participants are responsible for their own international flight arrangements.

Accommodation. A list of options will be provided to participants. Home stay with a Peruvian family can be arranged.

HOW TO APPLY (refer to the website for the registration form)

Registration form must be accompanied by a non-refundable registration fee of $250. Registration fee and final tuition payment once made are completely non-refundable. Total tuition for 2015 is $1250. Remaining course tuition of $1000 is due 60 days prior to the course. Acceptance of the course will be entirely on a first-come first-serve basis. No tuition deposit is needed for waiting list places once the maximum number of participants has been filled. Registration for the 2015 course will start next July 1st, 2014.

CONTACT US

Further information regarding logistics and registration can be obtained through the following:

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REGISTRATION FORM (refer to the website)

Please type or print clearly

Please attach:
1) a copy of your Curriculum Vitae,
2) a passport-type photograph (white background, without glasses/hat)
3) a scan of the first page of your passport.

All documents should be sent by email to coralith.garcia@upch.pe