Session: Forming Local and International Networks The FERCAP Experience

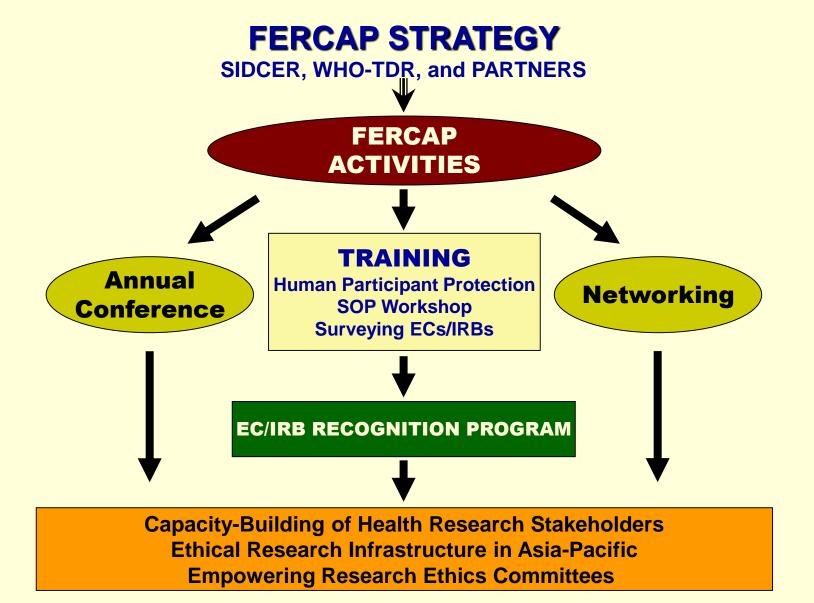
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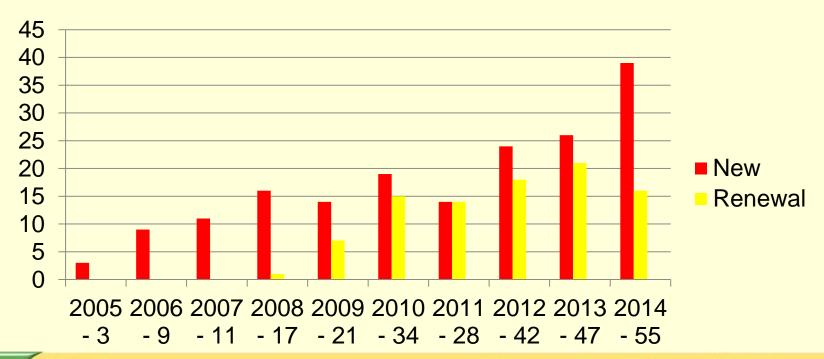


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SIDCER Recognition Program

2005-2014

Voluntary Audits of Research Ethics Committees Certification/Recognition Program







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2005-2014

173 Certified RECs/IRBs in Asia

Bhutan (1)

China (63)

India (8)

Indonesia (8)

Malaysia (2)

Philippines (19)

South Korea (29)

Sri Lanka (3)

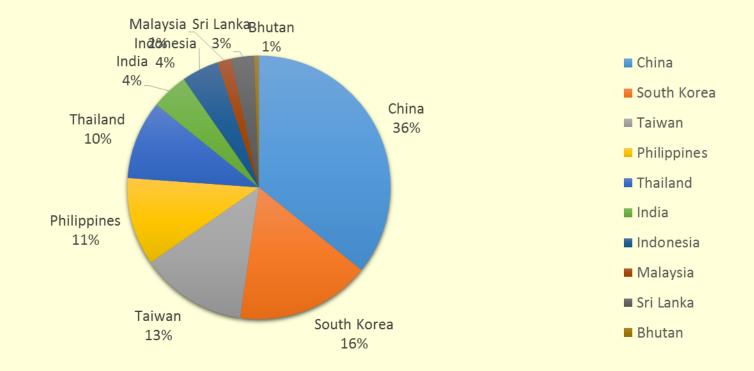
Taiwan (23)

Thailand (17)





FERCAP Country Networks 2005-2014 173 Certified/ Recognized RECs/IRBs







Networking Strategies

 Define the role of Research Ethics Committees within the health research – Year 2000

Facilitating factors:

- Need for evidence based medicine and interventions
- ICH-GCP regulatory environment
- Lack of an adequate research ethics governance system in Asia
- WHO-TDR funding/ branding





Strategic local and international networks

- Identify the health research ethics stakeholders (sponsors, research organizations, investigators, regulators, patients, communities, etc.)
- Identify unmet needs of stakeholders
- Formulate strategies to address unmet needs
- Identify possible country champions
- Engage committed stakeholders
- Expand the networks

FERCAP Country Networks

- Thailand FERCIT
- India FERCI
- Taiwan TAIRB
- China CIDCER
- Philippines PHREN PHREB, UP-NIH
- Sri Lanka FERCSL
- Korea KOREC
- Indonesia NEC



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Sustaining effective FERCAP networks

- Developing financial self-supporting mechanisms
- Building and maintaining organizational competence
- Continuing quality improvement initiatives
- Continuing efforts towards development of new approaches and concepts
- Adopting the philosophy of 'life-long learning'
- Planning for succession and obsolescence





FERCAP Goals

- Ethically compliant regulators
- Socially responsible sponsors
- Ethically equipped investigators
- Competent research ethics committees
- Empowered patients/ participants



