

**Essential Skills in Medical Education (ESME) Course
5th Asia Pacific Medical Education Conference
(5th APMEC)**

Thursday 24-Monday 28 January 2008

Rationale

With the increasing professionalisation of medical education, the need for doctors and other healthcare professionals to have training in teaching is widely recognized. Whilst many institutions worldwide offer Diploma and Masters courses in medical education, there is a lack of accredited basic level courses. The ESME Programme has been designed to meet the need for an entry level teaching qualification. ESME will be of particular interest to teachers who are engaging with medical education for the first time, or who have been given some new responsibilities or assignment relating to teaching. It has been designed in the context that all doctors in any branch of medicine or field of practice are likely to have some teaching responsibilities for undergraduates, postgraduates, peers, other healthcare workers or patients.

The ESME Programme is accredited by AMEE and approved by an international Advisory Board. It has been designed around a set of competencies that all practising teachers should possess. These include: Effective Teaching, Skilled Educational Planning and Informed Assessment and Evaluation.

Since its introduction in 2005 the unique ESME course has proved very popular and it has now been offered at a number of venues on four continents.

ESME at 5th APMEC

For the third year in succession AMEE is pleased to offer an Essential Skills in Medical Education (ESME) Course at APMEC. The course consists of dedicated pre- and post-conference sessions combined with the main 5th APMEC sessions and daily lunch meetings with ESME faculty, to take maximum advantage of the rich and varied conference programme.

Course schedule:

Thursday 24 January: 0830-1730 - 5th APMEC Pre-conference Workshops:

Participants will select one morning and one afternoon pre-conference workshop from the varied 5th APMEC pre-conference programme

Friday 25 January: 0830-1730 - ESME Pre-conference Workshop:

An introduction to three of the key ESME competencies:

- The Skilled Educational Planner: specifying and using learning outcomes and how the learning can be organised in a curriculum;
- The Effective Teacher: including large and small group teaching; independent learning; e-learning;
- The Informed Assessor/Evaluator: the key assessment principles and the tools available to the teacher.

Saturday 26 and Sunday 27 January - Participation in 5th APMEC conference sessions:

Daily group meetings with ESME faculty over lunch, to discuss how the ESME competencies are demonstrated in the 5th APMEC programme presentations.

Monday 28 January 0830-1230 - ESME post-conference session:

Review of work to date

Introduction to the fourth ESME competency: The Scholarly Educator

- Professionalism in medical education
- Roles of the teacher
- Best Evidence Medical Education (BEME)

A look at the requirements for completion of the ESME Certificate in Medical Education.

ESME Course Faculty includes:

Course Director: Professor Ronald Harden, formerly Director of the Centre for Medical Education, University of Dundee, UK, and now Director of Education for the International Virtual Medical School (IVIMEDS);

Professor Matthew Gwee, Chairman of International and Education Programs, Medical Education Unit, Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine, National University of Singapore;

Dr Zubair Amin, Deputy Head (Clinical), Medical Education Unit, Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine, National University of Singapore.

Mrs Pat Lilley is Administrator for the Course.

Cost of the ESME APMEC Course:

The cost of the Course is US\$525. Included in the course fee is:

- full-day ESME pre-conference session on Friday 25 January;
- lunchtime discussion sessions with faculty on Saturday 26 and Sunday 27 January;
- half-day post-conference session on Monday 28 January;
- ESME course programme and resource materials;
- (optional) submission of a 3,500 word report, to be submitted by the participant within 6 months of the date of the ESME Course. Reports assessed as meeting the appropriate standard will lead to the award of the ESME Certificate in Medical Education.

Please note: Participants must register for 5th APMEC in the normal way, and pay the 5th APMEC registration fee. In addition, ESME course participants are expected to attend and pay for two APMEC pre-conference workshops of their choice on Thursday 24 January, depending on availability.

How to register for ESME APMEC Course:

Participants wishing to join the ESME Course during 5th APMEC should select this option on the 5th APMEC registration form.

Further information on ESME:

Further information may be obtained from the AMEE Office:

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