CEPI Sponsored DSMB Training Course

Background. The Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness and Innovation (CEPI) through the Safety Platform for Emergency vACcines (SPEAC) project, has funded the development of a training program for potential Data and Safety Monitoring Board (DSMB) participation which will prioritize participants from low and middle-income countries (LMIC). CEPI has an expanding portfolio which is currently funding the development of several vaccines for Lassa fever, Chikungunya, Rift Valley fever, MERS, Nipah and COVID-19. Since trials for these vaccines as well as others will be conducted in countries where these diseases occur—the goal of this new training program is to support the training of local or regional professionals who would have the competence to serve on DSMBs. The aim is to have qualified potential DSMB members from target disease countries available to participate in study DSMBs.

We are looking for interested and qualified people to take advantage of this free training opportunity. In addition to one live session for a course orientation, the DSMB training course is eight weeks long with an estimated two hours per week of online training that can be completed at your own pace as well as one hour per week of a live session with a facilitator where participants can ask questions and discuss any issues. As part of this training opportunity, each participant is required to actively engage during the nine live sessions and to complete the online coursework. This online coursework includes the weekly review of online materials including video presentations and reading assignments and the completion of weekly quizzes. At the end of the course there will be a brief examination and a certificate of completion will be issued to students who have completed all requirements. Each offering of the course will have up to 16 participants.

Our next course is coming soon. The deadline for application is Friday April 1, 2022.
The next session of the course will begin in the first week of May 2022 and will target participants from Asia/South Asia. Future sessions will target other geographic regions. Limiting sessions to select time zones helps us schedule live sessions at times that are convenient for most people.

If you are interested in participating, please complete the following online application form found at the following: https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/c53a042790714f80937daa446afcd415 Those who cannot be accommodated in this session of the course will be put on a list for the next sessions.

Thank you.