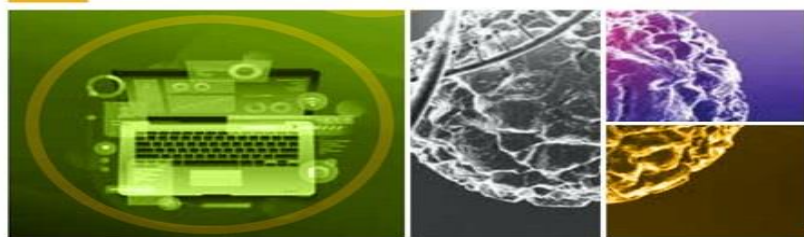


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Scaling up of Capacity of Research Ethics Committees in Uganda



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## Scaling up of capacity of Research Ethics Committees in Uganda (SCRECU) **Newsletter No. 2.** (SCRECU) project trains Research Ethics Committee personnel in Uganda

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The Scaling up of capacity of Research Ethics Committees in Uganda (SCRECU) project sponsored by the European & Developing Countries Clinical Trials Partnership (EDCTP) and implemented by Uganda National Council for Science and Technology (UNCST), Mbale Regional Hospital and Busitema University held a three-day training at the Busitema University Main Campus for Research Ethics Committee Administrators and Information Technology (IT) Personnel from 25 Research Ethics Committees on the use of the National Research Information Management System (NRIMS) from 12<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup> February 2020. A total of.....participants attended the training which was conducted in an interactive manner with presentations, practical, questions and general discussions in all the sessions.

The training curriculum covered the following areas:

- NRIMS (CRIMS) Online Submissions;
- Overview of the REC Dashboard;
- Submissions Management;

- Administrative and completeness checks, Scheduling, Review and Communication by the REC;
- Post Approval Processes;
- Amendments, Revisions, SAEs, Notifications, Deviations etc.;
- Enrolment of RECS into NRIMS;
- Practical: Enrolment of REC Admins and REC Members into NRIMS.

All the training sessions involved presentations and practical. The intense training was meant to have all RECs registered and enrolled onto the system for utilization in the financial year 2019/2020.

While opening the training, Dr. Maxwell Otim Onapa, the SCRECU project coordinator and PI, in his remarks thanked EDCTP for the funding. He noted that the scale up of the National Research Information Management System (NRIMS/CRIMS) was long overdue for Uganda given that the well-established system provides for multi-Research Ethics Committee review of research, national registration of research and subsequent monitoring of

approved studies in Uganda. He further observed that the system would improve the networking, transparency and efficient scientific and ethical review processes of RECs and subsequently all regulatory authorities in Uganda; making the country a fertile ground for clinical trials and research due its robust e-research regulatory framework. In a special way he thanked, members of the project team; Prof. Peter Olupot-Olupot from Mbale Regional Hospital, Dr. Ronald Mulebeke from Busitema for the effort in ensuring the proposal was well written and implemented according to the stated projective objectives. He commended the SCRECU project IT officer and the project administrator who worked tirelessly with officers from UNCST and Busitema University to organize the training.

The Executive Secretary UNCST also attended the training, which attracted over fifty-four participants from the different RECs in Uganda.

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