

Invitation to apply for the training course “Epidemiological aspects of vaccination” 2010

Continuing with the implementation of the ECDC Training Strategy for 2007-2010, ECDC plans to organise the training course “Epidemiological aspects of vaccination”.

The course will be delivered from 19 to 23 of April 2010 in London, by the National Institute for Public Health and the Environment (RIVM) in consortium with the Finnish National Institute for Health and Welfare (THL, former KTL), the Health Protection Agency (HPA) and the Istituto Superiore di Sanita (ISS)

Main contents are: vaccine developments and logistics, surveillance of vaccine preventable diseases (VPD), surveillance of vaccine coverage, outbreak investigation, evaluation of immunization programmes, and surveillance of adverse effects, economic evaluation of vaccination programmes and modelling of disease transmission.

The teaching approach combines lectures, case studies and short presentations of participants. Practical exercises are based on real investigations. The course will be given in English. There are 30 seats available.

ECDC calls for participants for this specific course. The course is targeted at epidemiologists/public health experts from EU member states (MS), EU candidate countries and EEA/EFTA countries, who are involved in surveillance and/or outbreak investigation of vaccine preventable diseases and immunisation issues in their regular activities at national or regional level. At least one year work experience in this field, and a good command of English, is required.

We assume that the appropriate candidate is working in one of the areas targeted by the course. In order to select the most appropriate candidate we are addressing competent bodies for training with a request to disseminate this information.

All interested candidates will register through the ECDC web page at <http://epiet.viadesk.net/do/surveyfrontwrite/?id=153860-767379737572>

Deadline for the registration is 24th February 2010 23:00 CET(GMT+1)

Together with the web based registration candidates will be requested to fill a short summary of professional details and a skills self assessment form. Registration and self assessment will be collected in ECDC (PRU Training section). The list of applicants will be sent to the Competent bodies for training in respective countries for ranking. Ranking will reflect national training needs. Candidates in the first position will be invited to attend the course and the candidates in the second position will be considered as alternates. In case of cancellation of proposed candidate the alternate will addressed.

All costs incurred by the participants will be covered, including travel by public transport and “per diem” for accommodation, meals and incidental expenses, in accordance with the EU regulations.

Questions on the course may be sent to Carmen Varela or Rosine Fall, to the following e-mail address Rosine.Fall@ecdc.europa.eu