

**International Union Against  
Tuberculosis and Lung Disease  
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**All India Institute of Medical Sciences  
(AIIMS) Bhopal**

invite applications for a short course on

**EFFICIENT  
QUALITY-ASSURED  
DATA CAPTURE  
USING  
EPIDATA**

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## RATIONALE

Quality assured data entry, aptly described as the 'Cinderella of research methods', is often the most neglected part of the research.

EpiData is a free software that has been available to public health researchers worldwide for over 10 years. It has been developed keeping in mind the perceived cumbersome nature of data entry. Most schools of medicine and public health and most available tools (including the commercial proprietary software) are focussed on analysis. Hence, the focus of this course is to drive home the importance of quality assured data capture.

In line with the strategic vision of The Union South-East Asia Office, this is an initiative to build capacity of public health professionals working in the medical colleges of India.

Preference will be given to those from Central India working in Public Health, who are collaborating with national programmes, and are committed to take this initiative forward in their respective institutions.

## DESCRIPTION

The entire curriculum will be based on the usage of EpiData software. The course curriculum will be modular in the form of exercise tasks, each one building and extending on the preceding exercises.

The exercises will reflect the reality of an operational research project and will make general principles evident as specific examples. Participants will be given an overview of EpiData and taught how to make a data entry instrument with inbuilt checks and perform data entry and validation through exercises.

Every session will consist of a presentation and demonstration by the facilitator followed by 'exercise tasks' as an opportunity for the participants to practice. This will be followed by discussion of the 'exercise solutions' by the facilitator including clarifying any queries in the group.

Mentors will be allocated to the participants for guiding them during and after the course. The duration of the course will be two days.

## INSTRUCTIONS

Participants should be familiar with the Windows™ operating system. They would need to bring their personal laptops running Windows™ (Mac and Linux are not supported).

There will be an end-of-the-course assignment, to be completed under the guidance of allocated mentors and to be submitted within 4 weeks.

Candidates with successful submissions will be awarded a Certificate and a year-long membership to The Union and to the *Int J Tuberc Lung Dis*

## REGISTRATION

There are no registration charges. The Union will support travel (AC Bus / 2 tier AC train), stay, and subsistence of all selected participants. Registration can only be done using this online form:

<http://goo.gl/forms/YZiBCbz5WL>

Participation is restricted to **20** participants. Only selected candidates will be notified.

**Last Date of Registration:** 25 February 2016, 6.00 PM

**Date of Intimation of Selection:** 10 March 2016

**For any further clarifications:** Please write to [corindia-courses@theunion.org](mailto:corindia-courses@theunion.org) with subject line "EpiData Short Course -Bhopal 2016"

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