

# **INCLLEN Global Meeting XVII**

**“Research Networks in the New Millennium:  
Developing Countries’ Contribution  
to Global Knowledge”**

**Bangkok, Thailand  
October 15 - 18, 2000**

**Organized by  
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*Announcement and Call for Abstracts*

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***“We are dedicated to improving the health of the people by promoting clinical practice based on the best evidence of effectiveness and the efficient use of resources. We achieve this through a network of physicians, statisticians and social scientists throughout the world who work together to build and sustain institutional capacity for excellence and relevance in research and medical education.”***

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## INVITATION

Dear Colleagues:

It is with great pleasure to extend to you our cordial invitation to participate in the International Clinical Epidemiology Network (INCLLEN) Global Meeting XVII, which will be held in Bangkok, Thailand during October 15 - 18, 2000.

INCLLEN was established in 1980 with the aim of improving health in developing world through the dissemination and application of clinical epidemiology, a new discipline to clinical practice. Since then, approximately 500 INCLLEN fellows from 18 developing countries have been trained in the skills needed to conduct high quality clinical research that would achieve valid and important scientific advances applicable to clinical practice. Many of the research findings were presented at the INCLLEN global meetings, which have been held approximately once a year over the past 20 years.

The theme of INCLLEN Global Meeting XVII is "Research Networks in the New Millennium : Developing Countries' Contribution to Global Knowledge". The meeting will review the contribution of research conducted by investigators in developing countries to the advancement of global knowledge; the value of research collaboration and research networks in solving health problems in developing countries and beyond; and the strategies for incorporation of research results into health care practice.

The organizing committee invites the participants to submit research abstracts for presentation at the Global Meeting in the various areas of health sciences.

We hope that this meeting will be a venue for creating partnerships among investigators, research users and research fund donors around the world and it will be a successful meeting as always.

We look forward to meeting you in Bangkok in October 2000.

Sincerely yours,

Chitr Sitthi-amorn  
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### Tentative Program Overview

Date Time	October 15	October 16	October 17	October 18
08.30	Workshops For Continuing Education	Plenary II	Plenary III	Plenary IV
10.00		Break	Break	Break
10.30		Free Papers	Free Papers	Symposium V
12.30				
	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
13.30	Workshops For Continuing Education	Symposium I	Symposium III	INCLLEN in the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century
15.00		Break	Break	Closing Ceremony
15.30		Symposium II	Symposium IV	
16.00				
17.00	Opening Ceremony & Plenary I			
19.00	Dinner	Dinner	Banquet & Cultural Performance	
21.00				

## SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

INCLEN XVII will focus on the importance of research conducted by investigators in developing countries for improving the overall state of health of people in those countries, influencing health care policy and practice, and enhancing the global body of knowledge. The 2000 Global Meeting will highlight three topic areas:

- The extent to which research conducted by investigators in developing countries contributes to the advancement of global knowledge.
- Research collaboration in the 21<sup>st</sup> century in order to expand the valid and relevant knowledge for solving health problems in developing countries and beyond.
- Incorporation of research results into health care practice.

### THE MAIN CONTENTS OF THE SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

- **Workshops**  
Clinical Epidemiology, Health Social Sciences, Biostatistics and Clinical Economics
- **Plenary Lectures**  
Contribution of Research from Developing Countries to Global Knowledge  
Setting Research Agenda and Research Networks  
Effective Research Management: A Key to Success for Collaborative Research  
Getting Research Findings into Practice
- **Symposia**  
Collaborative Research Agenda being conducted and Collaborative Research Agenda being planned in Developing Countries  
Strategies & Obstacles for Management of Collaborative Research in Developing Countries  
Experiences for Implementing Research Findings into Practice
- **Scientific Research Abstract Presentations**  
Clinical Epidemiology, Biostatistics, Clinical Economics, Health Social Sciences, Technology Assessment, Environmental and Occupational Health, Health Care Financing, Reform of Medical Education, and Health Care Reform.

## ABSTRACT SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Abstracts accepted for presentation at the INCLEN Global Meeting XVII will be divided into 2 categories.

**Category I:** Abstracts submitted by members of Clinical Epidemiology Units (CEU) within INCLEN.

Category I abstracts are subdivided into group 1, 2 and 3.

Group 1: Abstracts submitted by individual CEU member.

Group 2: Abstracts submitted by each national CLEN and uni-national regional CLEN (IndiaCLEN and ChinaCLEN).

Group3: Abstracts submitted by each multi-national regional CLEN (LatinCLEN, AfriCLEN and SEACLEN).

**Category II:** Abstracts submitted by any other interested participants.

***For category II, only participants whose abstracts are accepted must register for the meeting.***

Each CEU can submit the abstracts from CEU members, ***no more than 3 abstracts per CEU***. CEU members have to submit the abstracts to CEU directors. CEU directors are responsible for screening the quality of the abstracts and selecting only high quality abstracts, no more than 3 abstracts per CEU for submission to the INCLEN Global Meeting XVII scientific program committee.

Each national CLEN can submit abstracts representing one's national CLEN, ***no more than 3 abstracts per national CLEN***. The person responsible for submitting this type of abstract is the director of the national CLEN or the equivalent.

Each regional CLEN can submit abstracts representing one's regional CLEN, ***no more than 3 abstracts per regional CLEN***. The person responsible for submitting this type of abstract is the director of the regional CLEN or the equivalent.

## GUIDELINES TO PREPARE A STRUCTURED ABSTRACT

- Abstracts must be printed on the provided blank abstract box as appeared in the abstract submission form.
- All abstracts must be research results and they must be in English.
- All abstracts must have never been presented in any INCLEN Global Meetings except the abstracts submitted under group 2 (national level) and group 3 (regional level).
- An abstract should be approximately 325 words. NO ABSTRACT WILL BE ACCEPTED that exceeds 27 lines (including blank lines) or that exceeds 100 characters per line (including spaces).
- Type the abstract single-spaced using Times New Roman 12-point type. Tables may be printed in 10-point type provided they are readable. Abstracts must be printed in Word Perfect 6.1 or Microsoft Word 97, but will accept other formats such as earlier versions of Word Perfect, Word ASCII or Text. Please put the name and number of software version used on diskette label.
- The contents of an abstract must include all headings (objective, design, setting, participants, intervention, main outcome measures, results, conclusion) as shown in the example box. If any heading is not appropriate or there is no information, type "None" for those headings. Follow the format provided in the *example box (shown in the abstract submission form)* EXACTLY including commas, periods, underlining and colons. The name of the person presenting the paper need not be the first, but should be underlined. Do not use periods for initials. All other authors must be separated by commas. Use standard abbreviations. Place abbreviations in parentheses after the full word the first time it appears. Use numerals to indicate numbers, except at the beginning of sentences. Spell-check the abstract prior to submission since the abstract will be printed as received.
- Use laser printer to print an abstract in the provided area in the abstract submission form.
- Abstracts must be received by the secretariat office for INCLEN Global Meeting XVII *on official submission forms -- one original plus 2 copies, and one computer diskette* on or before **JUNE 1, 2000**. **Late submissions or inappropriately prepared abstracts will not be processed.**

- The modes of presentation will be both oral or poster presentation. The total abstracts accepted for oral presentation will not be more than 72 abstracts. Each oral presentation lasts approximately 10 minutes. The guidelines for poster preparation will be supplied later.
- Any correspondence regarding the abstracts for INCLLEN Global Meeting XVII should be addressed to:

*Office for Scientific Program & Scientific Abstracts  
Professor Visanu Thamlikitkul  
Clinical Epidemiology Unit  
Adulyadejvikrom Building, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor, Room 1038  
Siriraj Hospital, Bangkok 10700, THAILAND  
Tel: (662) 412-5994 Fax: (662) 412-5994  
E-mail : sivth@mahidol.ac.th*

- Abstracts will be judged on methodology, relevance and importance and must be of completed studies. The abstracts will be reviewed by an international panel of experts in related fields.

The INCLLEN XVII scientific program committee will announce the final acceptance of abstracts *no later than September 15, 2000.*

## GENERAL INFORMATION

**Date:** October 15 - 18, 2000

**Venue:** Montien Riverside Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand

**Language:** The official language of the meeting is English.  
No translation or interpretation will be provided.

**Accommodation:** The official accommodation for the meeting is Montien Riverside Hotel. The rate for single occupancy is 100 US\$. and for double occupancy is 110 US\$. These rates include service charge, tax and an American breakfast. Those who wish to make hotel reservations must also register to participate in the meeting and should return a completed registration form to the secretariat office. The organizing committee can not guarantee room availability after September 15, 2000.

**Visa:** Participants from some non-ASEAN countries must have a valid visa before entering Thailand. Please check with your nearest Royal Thai Embassy or Consulate for details.

**Transportation:** The meeting venue is approximately 20 kilometers from Bangkok International Airport. Participants entering the Kingdom of Thailand through Bangkok International Airport can reach the hotel by taxi or limousine that is 24 hours available at the airport. The ground transportation cost is not included in the registration fee.

**Currency:** The unit of exchange is Baht. The approximate equivalent of 1 US\$ is 38 Baht. Major international credit cards are accepted in major restaurants and shops.

**Climate:** The weather in Bangkok during October is warm (average temperature is around 30 degree Celsius) and sunny. Occasional rain is possible.

## IMPORTANT DATES

Those intending to participate in the INCLLEN Global Meeting XVII should note the following important deadlines:

<b>Submission of Research Abstracts</b>	<b>No later than June 1, 2000</b>
<b>Notification of Acceptance of Abstracts</b>	<b>No later than September 15, 2000</b>
<b>Early Registration</b>	<b>No later than September 15, 2000</b>

## **Global Meeting Registration Fees**

	<b>Until September 15, 2000</b>	<b>After September 15, 2000</b>
Participant	300 US\$*	350 US\$*
Accompanying person	150 US\$	180 US\$

\* The fees include registration, program book, abstract book, bag, entry to all sessions, lunch & coffee & dinner during October 15 - 18, 2000.

### **Registration**

- Participants should complete the attached registration form and return it to the secretariat office for INCLEN Global Meeting XVII.
- The fee should be paid in US\$ by bank draft or wire transfer / bank transfer and credit cards (VISA or American Express or Master Card). Personal cheques are not accepted.
- Upon receipt of the full registration fee, each participant will be sent a registration confirmation sheet. Participants should bring this confirmation document to the registration desk during the meeting.
- Cancellation must be notified in writing to the secretariat office before September 15, 2000 otherwise fifty (50) US dollars will be deducted for handling and administration costs. No refund will be allowed for cancellations received after September 15, 2000. No refund for no shows unless notification is received by September 15, 2000.

Registration forms should be sent to:

*Secretariat Office for INCLEN Global Meeting XVII*

*Mrs. Herminia (Tati) Mekanandha*

*Clinical Epidemiology Unit*

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**All information and further updates are also available on the web at [www.inclen.org](http://www.inclen.org)**

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**Name and Address of the presenter :**

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**• Category of Abstract (check an appropriate box and fill in the blank)**

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• Health Economics                              • Social Sciences                              • Biostatistics

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**Notes:** This page must be completely filled-in.

The preparation of abstract must follow the abstract submission guidelines.

Submit one original abstract plus 2 copies and one diskette **NO LATER THAN JUNE 1, 2000 to:**

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Submitting author's surname followed by initials without periods need not be first author but MUST be underlined, other authors' names separated by commas. Name of institution city, country (*NO* degrees, titles, or addresses)

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**Objective:** State the main question or objective of the study and the major hypothesis tested, if any. State the importance of the research to your setting.

**Design:** Describe the design of the study indicating, as appropriate use of randomization, blinding, gold standards for diagnostic tests and temporal direction (retrospective or prospective)

**Setting:** Indicate the study setting (hospital, clinic, community). Also include the level of clinical care (for example, primary or tertiary, private practice or institutional)

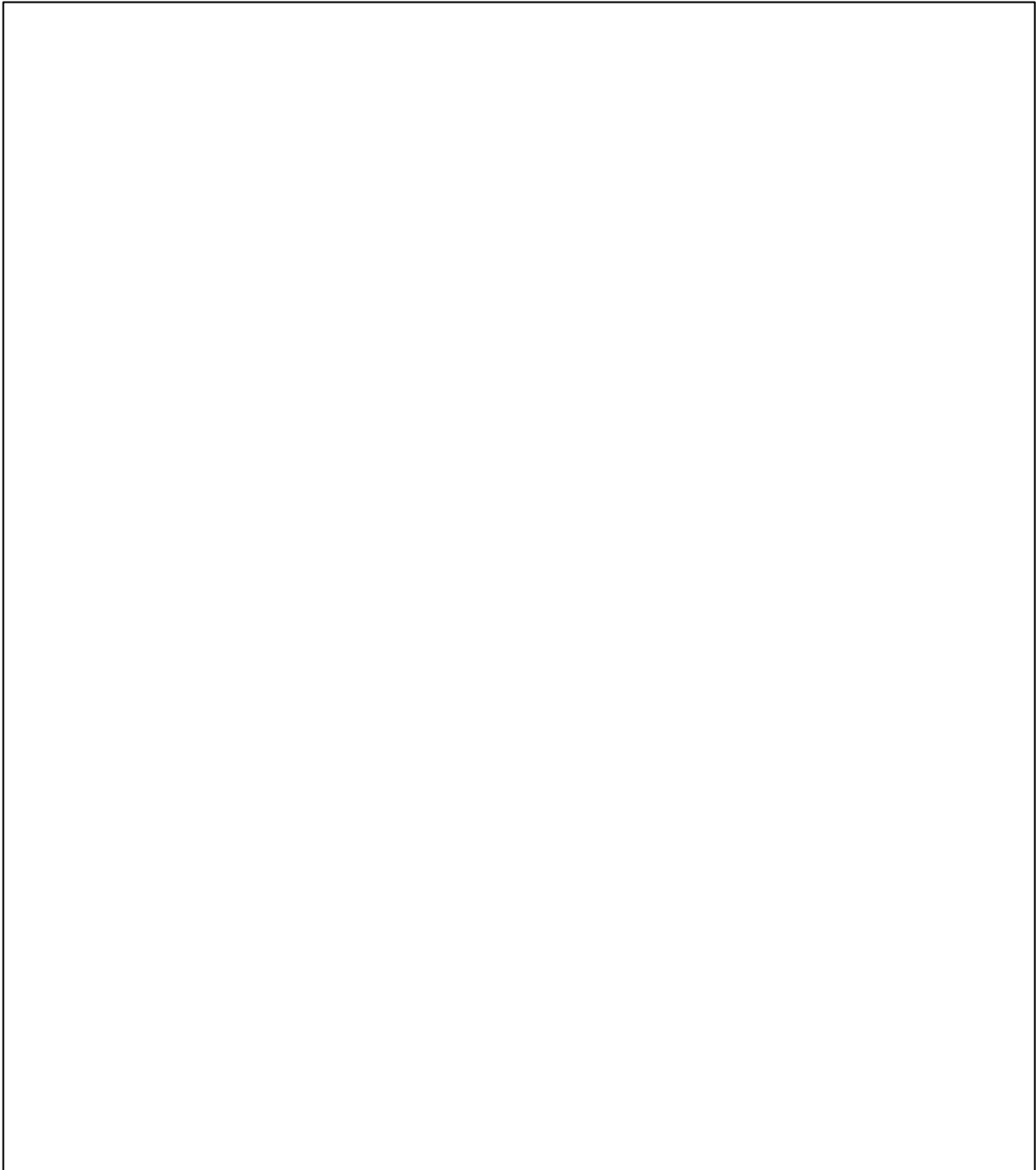
**Participants:** State selection procedures, entry criteria, and numbers of participants entering and finishing the study.

**Interventions:** Describe the essential features of interventions (if any) including their method and duration of administration

**Main Outcome Measure(s):** The primary study outcome measures should be indicated as planned before data collection began. If the hypothesis being reported was formulated during or after data collection, this fact should be clearly stated.

**Results:** Describe baseline characteristics of the study population. The results should be accompanied by confidence intervals (most often the 95% interval) and the exact level of statistical significance. For comparative studies, confidence intervals should relate to the differences between groups. Absolute values should be indicated when risk changes or effect sizes are given.

**Conclusions:** State only those conclusions of the study that are directly supported by data, along with their clinical application (avoiding overgeneralization) or whether additional study is required before the information should be used in usual clinical settings. Equal emphasis must be given to positive and negative findings of equal scientific merit.



**Please consult “Guidelines to Prepare a Structured Abstract” when preparing an abstract.**

