Regional Training Course on Methods for the Handling, Marking, Transportation and Release of Sterile Male Aedes Aegypti

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Information Sheet

Purpose

The purpose of this event is train participants on the understanding of the theory and practice regarding mosquito handling, marking, packing, transport and release, and trapping for Mark-release-recapture (MRR) studies, and for pilot release trials.

Working Language(s)

The working language(s) of the event will be Spanish.

Deadline for Nominations

Nominations received after 18 September 2019 will not be considered.

Scope and Nature

The purpose of the course is:

(i) For the participants to gain understanding of the theory and biology regarding mosquito handling, marking, packing, transport and release, and trapping for a) Mark-release-recapture (MRR) studies, and b) for pilot release trials;
(ii) For participants to gain practical, hands-on experience in the various components required for handling, marking, packing, transport and release of sterile mosquitoes; to conduct a real MRR study in the field and gain experience in planning, executing, and monitoring (trapping and data analysis) a MRR study; to experience both ground releases and aerial releases mediated by drones;
(iii) To transfer protocols and information in the form of presentations and learning materials provided by IPCL staff and local and international experts;
(iv)To strengthen national and regional mechanisms for mosquito population control (networking, co-ordination and information exchange).

Participation

The event is open to 16 participants from Member States.

Participation will be open to two (2) participants from each participating country who meet the Participants Profile.

Participants' Qualifications and Experience

The course is open to persons who:
- are entomologists directly involved in the practical aspects of the project (i.e. either mosquito rearing and handling, or field activities (trapping and monitoring), and will beexecuting the MRR and/or pilot release trials
- are technical staff involved with either mosquito rearing and handling, or field activities (trapping and monitoring)

Application Procedure

Candidates wishing to apply for this event should follow the steps below:

1. Access the IAEA TALEO page (https://iaea.taleo.net/careersection/ex/jobsearch.ftl) and complete the Candidate Profile.

2. Be registered on the Nucleus page of the IAEA (https://nucleus.iaea.org/).

3. Through Nucleus, access the InTouch+ platform where the Profile is completed (My Profile tab) (https://nucleus.iaea.org/Pages/InTouchPlus.aspx).
   NOTE: The email used for TALEO and Nucleus must be the same. If not, the candidate's profile will not appear complete.

4. On the InTouch + platform, under the 'My InTouch +' tab, the candidate needs to:

   a. select the institute / organization that he/she works at / represents ('My Institute' section);

   b. click on the link called **'Refresh Personal History Form'** to update the system, ***otherwise the nominations submitted will have these fields empty and it will not be possible to evaluate them during the selection of candidates*** ('IAEA Recruitment Platform' section).

   NOTE: Once the above steps are finalized, the candidate's profile will appear as completed and he/she can apply for Technical Cooperation events.

5. In the InTouch+ platform (https://intouchplus.iaea.org), in the 'Applications' tab, search by the event number provided in the invitation.

   The help for each step is located at the top of the page. For additional help on how to register, create a profile and apply for an event, please refer to the online guide and training videos available under the following links: how-to guide and training videos. Any issues or queries related to the new system can be addressed to InTouchPlus.Contact-Point@iaea.org or TC-AIPS-PL4.Contact-point@iaea.org.

Should this not be possible, applicants may download the Nomination Form for the TN from the IAEA website https://www.iaea.org/services/technical-cooperation-programme/how-to-participate.

Applications should contain sufficient information to establish that the nominees have the required qualifications. Please note that the information regarding LANGUAGE SKILLS, EDUCATION AND WORK EXPERIENCE is exported from TALEO. If an applicant's profile in TALEO is not updated, the information in INTOUCH+ for these sections appears as empty and the candidates cannot be evaluated. Completed applications need to be endorsed by the relevant national authority, i.e. the National Liaison Office and submitted through the established official channels.

Administrative and Financial Arrangements

Nominating authorities will be informed in due course of the names of the candidates who have been selected, and will at that time be informed of the procedure to be followed with regard to administrative and financial matters.

Selected participants will receive an allowance from the IAEA sufficient to cover their costs of lodging, daily subsistence and miscellaneous expenses. They will also receive either a round-trip air ticket based on the most direct and economical route between the airport nearest their residence and the airport nearest the duty station through the IAEA's travel agency American Express, or a travel grant, or they will be reimbursed travel by car/bus/train in accordance with IAEA rules for non-staff travel.

Disclaimer of Liability

The organizers of the event do not accept liability for the payment of any cost or compensation that may arise from damage to or loss of personal property, or from illness, injury, disability or death of a participant while he/she is travelling to and from or attending the course, and it is clearly understood that each Government, in approving his/her participation, undertakes responsibility for such coverage. Governments would be well advised to take out insurance against these risks.

Note for female participants

Any woman engaged by the IAEA for work or training should notify the IAEA on becoming aware that she is pregnant.

The Board of Governors of the IAEA approved new International Basic Safety Standards for Protection against Ionizing Radiation and for the Safety of Radiation Sources. The Standards deal specifically with the occupational exposure conditions of female workers by requiring, inter alia, that a female worker should, on becoming aware that she is pregnant, notify her employer in order that her working conditions may be modified, if necessary. This notification shall not be considered a reason to exclude her from work; however, her working conditions, with respect to occupational exposure shall be adapted with a view to ensuring that her embryo or foetus be afforded the same broad level of protection as required for members of the public.

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