

Centre for Faculty Development & Medical Education Technologies



Dr. P. V. Vijayaraghavan

Director Academic Administration & Dean (Education),
Professor of Orthopaedics

Sri Ramachandra University

Email: medical.education@sriramachandra.edu.in ;
deaneducation@sriramachandra.edu.in

Medical council of India recognized the Medical Education Unit of Sri Ramachandra Medical College & Research Institute as a Regional Centre first in 2009 and later as Nodal Centre in the year 2010. For the conduct of Faculty Development Workshop on Educational Technologies, 28 medical colleges come under the purview of Regional Centre-SRMC. Under the aegis of Regional Centre of Medical Council of India, Coordinator workshop and Basic course workshop on “Medical Education Technologies” are conducted regularly, every year and since 2009 (after the recognition of the regional centre) 6 coordinator workshops, 23 basic course workshops, 5 ATCOM and 5 Revised Basic Course workshops were conducted and around 97 coordinators 131 faculty members in ATCOM and 825 faculty members in the Basic Course Workshops and Revised Basic Course Workshops have been trained respectively. Our MEU members are being sent as Observers of MCI to observe the Basic Course Workshops conducted by medical colleges allocated to the Regional Centres.

The Executive Committee of Medical Council of India appreciated the Regional Centres who have trained more than 1000 faculty members from the medical colleges and the President of MCI issued the “Certificate of Appreciation” to SRU-MCI Nodal Centre on 16th July 2014 for training more than 1000 faculty members in the Basic Course Workshop in Medical Education Technologies.

SRMC & RI Regional Centre has been recognized and upgraded as Nodal Centre by MCI on 3rd August 2010 to conduct both Basic Course and Advance Course in Medical Education. SRMC & RI is one of the 10 Nodal Centres recognized by the Medical Council of India to conduct this program. The program targets senior faculty members serving as Conveners, Coordinators and Members of Medical Education Unit in 48 medical colleges; both Government and private

medical colleges, situated in Tamilnadu, Pondicherry, Chattishgarh, Odisha, Sikkim and Tripura who come under the purview of MCI Nodal Centre at Sri Ramachandra Medical College & Research Institute.

The First contact session of Advance Course in Medical Education was conducted between 10th and 13th September 2014. This has been followed by a one year of web based discussions. They have to present e-posters on a research subject in medical education. 33 presentations were made during the second contact session held between 8th and 10th March 2015. The second contact session was conducted after six months from 8th to 10th March 2015. There were about 34 faculty members registered with us for the first Advance Course. National consultants are deputed by MCI to monitor the conduct of the programs.

The First Contact session of second advance course in Medical Education was conducted from 4th March to 8th March 2015. 30 faculty members registered for this. They are being followed up online –web based discussion and this group had their 2nd contact session from 13th to 15th September 2015.

The First contact session of third advance course in Medical Education is conducted from 9th to 13th September 2015. MCI has given permission only for 25 faculty members and 24 members attended. They are Coordinators and Members of Medical Education Unit represented from the 50 colleges allotted to us.

In the recent communication received from MCI it was stated that based on the recommendations of Academic Committee the Advance Course in ME has been renamed as 'Fellowship in Medical Education' (FIME) and will be re-named to be so from the first Advance Course in Medical Education conducted by the Nodal Centres recognized by the Medical Council of India. This decision was approved at the meeting of the General Body of the Council held on March 26-27, 2015.

Also we have started training for ATCOM (Attitudinal and Communication Modules) and Revised Basic Course as per MCI Guidelines as MCI Nodal Centre.

Dr. P.V. Vijayaraghavan, Convener and **Dr. Latha Ravichandran**, Co-Convener have been nominated as National Consultants for Fellowship in Medical Education for MCI.

The main goal of this program is to make competent Medical Teachers in developing a competency based curriculum, inculcate the principles of e-learning and integrate technology in

medical education. The participants are also taken through the steps of developing, implementing and evaluating a Research Project in education thereby creating an understanding of the Research in Medical Education.

