

International course on Surveillance and Control of Rabies Vietnam – 21-31 October 2026

This 10-day on-site course is organized by the Pasteur Institute in Ho Chi Minh City, the Institut Pasteur in Paris, the French Agricultural Research Centre for International Development (CIRAD), Ho Chi Minh City Centre for Disease Control, with the support of the World Health Organisation (WHO), the World Organization for Animal Health (WOAH), the Department of Biochemistry of the University of Lausanne, Switzerland, the Health Sciences eTraining Foundation (HSeT) and the Pasteur Network, in collaboration with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the Global Alliance for Rabies Control (GARC). This course will be the ninth edition in a series that have been organized in Senegal in 2013, in Cambodia in 2015, in Cameroon in 2016, in Iran in 2017, in Morocco in 2019, in Ivory Coast in 2022, Cameroon in 2023 and Zimbabwe in 2024.

The purpose of this course in Vietnam will be to provide a practical training on rabies, in English, for professionals of animal and human public health sectors with a special on South-East Asia participants. The course will emphasize the need for multidisciplinary approaches and cross-sectoral cooperation for rabies surveillance and control. Several major objectives addressing critical issues of the present rabies situation in low- and middle-income countries in South-East Asia will be targeted during this training session:

- To increase awareness and communication about rabies in Asia.
- To discuss problems and opportunities for rabies control in Asia and elaborate on strategic and practical solutions.
- To improve knowledge and practice on rabies epidemiological data in particular rabies incidence.
- To discuss the present situation of rabies prophylaxis in humans and propose practical solutions to increase access to post-exposure prophylaxis.
- To increase knowledge on dog rabies vaccination and other approaches for dog population management.
- To promote a One Health approach and dog vaccination to control rabies in Asia.

This course will take advantage of the new possibilities offered by e-Learning and already existing documents from WHO, WOAH, GARC, other international organizations and networks. A pre-training assessment tool will be provided to select applicants and prepare trainees to participate actively in discussions and practical activities during the workshop. To successfully complete this pre-training session, candidates will need to devote approximately 70 hours of work over a two-month period. The trainees will have access to these functionalities through a dedicated webpage. The on-site course (10 days), to be held in Vietnam, will focus on practical sessions, such as bench work, demonstrations, and hands-on sessions, which will complement the theoretical part (pre-training session and lectures). All successful participants will be awarded 8 ECTS credits (European Credit Transfer System) by the University of Lausanne in Switzerland.

Language: English

Who should apply: physicians, veterinarians, and specialists in infectious diseases, virology and/or epidemiology with at least a bachelor's degree and preferentially a master's degree. Public health officers involved in the control of zoonotic diseases are strongly encouraged to participate. Preference is given to applications from Asia. However, be aware that the selection to the course does not guarantee the VISA approval.

Training costs: Registration fees and local expenses of selected applicants (accommodation, food) will be covered by the organizing committee. No per diem will be awarded, however, the organizing committee will be able to provide several travel grants on-request.

Application deadline: link to application form to be updated

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