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Enhancing

Capacity on Communication for development

Faculty of Nursing, Chiang Mai University organized the five-day training course which was aimed to gain more knowledge on control and prevention of zoonotic diseases and communication for development (C4D) and application of the C4D skills for control and prevention of zoonotic diseases transmission. Participants of the course included 16 lecturers/staffs from Chiang Mai University and Mae Fah Luang University, public health sectors, and Nong Kwai municipality.



The course was divided into two phases. The first phase was held on January 6-8, 2014, and focused on learning and discussing the fundamentals: transmission, control and prevention of zoonotic diseases, communication channels and analysis, and the C4D concept as well as behavior analysis. The second phase which was organized on January 30-31, 2014, provided participants an opportunity to apply what they learned in the first phase in the real world. Formed into three groups, participants explored a community in Nong Kwai subdistrict, Chiang Mai province from different dimensions.

Global Health Institute (GHI): Thailand 2014

GHI 2014 was organized on February 3-13, 2014 by the faculties of Veterinary Medicine, Nursing, and Medicine of Chiang Mai University in collaboration with Schools of Public Health and College of Veterinary Medicine of University of Minnesota's (UMN), THOHUN, SEAOHUN, and DAI-RESPOND.



The main objectives of the course were: (1) participants would gain the better understanding of One Health “grand challenges”, i.e. complex and multi-factorial issues emerging

at the convergence of public health, animal health, economic health, and environmental health; and (2) expanding and strengthening SEAOHUN. Participants comprised of 52 junior- to mid-levels of university professionals as well as post-graduate students from SEAOHUN member institutes. There were also participants from THOHUN university members: Chulalongkorn, Kasetsart, Khon Kaen, and Prince of Songkla, participating in the course.

The first five days of the course (February 3-7) focused on developing One Health Leadership and technical capacities. The topics of activities during this period included wicked problems, self-awareness/social types, active listening skills, intercultural understanding, trans-disciplinary collaboration across countries, etc.

The morning session on February 7, six THOHUN trainers who were funded by THOHUN-NCO for travel, conducted a half-day training for the GHI's participation. Participants of this section were introduced about SEAOHUN One Health Short Courses, and could experience innovative teaching methods under Collaboration & Partnerships and Leadership modules through the Marshmallow challenge and diffusion of innovation activities. The session received positive responses from participants from Lao PDR, Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, and USA reflecting success of the THOHUN trainers in delivery some of innovative teaching methods in the SEAOHUN Short Course modules to the international participants.



The next four days (February 8-12) of the course provided technical capacities in two tracks: environmental health and surveillance epidemiology. The participants could select freely for their track, while lectures and field trips were the main teaching methods of both tracks. The final day of the course was served for a wrap-up activity bringing together the One Health concepts and specific contents learned from the whole course.

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Health Mahidol : Module 2



The workshop was organized on March 10, 2014 by the Faculty of Veterinary Science, Mahidol University. It was the second meeting of “One Day, One Workshop, One Health”, aimed to share the idea about One Health knowledge and experience within Mahidol community. This meeting focused on introduction of community study and the field sites, and preparedness for the upcoming One Health One Mahidol: Module 3. The basic information regarding the villagers’ ways of life as well as how to get along with the villagers were also provided. Participants in this meeting included 70 representatives who had attended the first meeting from faculties, centers, institutes, and colleges in Mahidol University.



Finalizing training program and educational materials for *S. suis* prevention

Held on March 27-28, 2014, the workshop was organized by the Faculty of Nursing, Chiang Mai University. It was the third workshop under a project on Trans-disciplinary capacity building of THOHUN for *S. suis* infection prevention. The main goal of this workshop was to finalize two-day training program as well as the educational materials developed in the second workshop.



Main contents of the workshop included basic knowledge of *S. suis* infection in pig and human, One Health concepts, collaborative network for prevention of *S. suis* infection, and communication skills. Regarding the educational materials, five media: video, manual, stickers, poster, and spot aimed to promote prevention of *S. suis* infection to both healthcare-related personnel and laymen in community, were created.



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