

TRC – INSTITUTIONAL ETHICS COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

Tuberculosis Research Centre Institutional Ethics Committee conducted five meetings (four scheduled and one unscheduled) during the year 2008. All the meetings satisfied the quorum requirements.

The Chair, the Member Secretary, and one member was present during all 5 meetings; out of the remaining seven members, two members were present for 4 meetings, three members were present for 3 meetings, one member could not be present for any of the meeting as she was not available within the country.

Ten new protocols and one re-submission were reviewed during the year 2008. Thirty two ongoing reviews and four expedited reviews (three protocols) were also conducted. Ten case study files were closed as the projects were completed and summary report submitted.

Some of the salient features that figured during the year were:

1. The 'Initial Review Submission Form' and the 'Ongoing Review Submission Form' were revised.
2. 'Continued Bioethics Education' discussions were held during the course of the meetings and via electronic mail; 'Informed consent: theory and reality' was discussed in one of the meetings.
3. As TRC is holding US Federal Wide Assurance, an annual report on possible research misconduct for the year 2007 was filed as 'nil' with the Office of Research Integrity, US Department of Health & Human Services.