26th FERCAP International CONFERENCE

Strengthening Research Ethics and Networking in an Era of Global Health Challenges

A hybrid conference with face-to-face and online participation

VENUE: Faculty of Medicine, Hasanuddin University
Makassar City, South Sulawesi, Indonesia

22-25 November 2026

Forum for Ethical Review Committees in Asia & the Western Pacific

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Conference Schedule

On site Registration:
November 22, 2026: 08.00-16.00
November 23, 2026: 07.30-08.30

November 22, 2026 Sunday Venue: Faculty of Medicine, Hasanuddin University A & B: Lecture Theatre 5 C : Hasanuddin University Hotel	**Pre-Conference Activities** Pre-Conference Training **A.** SOP Training in REC Documentation in Initial Review: Ensuring Completeness and Compliance (9:00 – 12:00**) : Madarina Julia, Monalisa Waworundeng, Harnawan Rizky and Septi (Moderator)** B. SOP Training in Strengthening the Quality of Ethics Review; Improving Monitoring and Post Approval Review of Research (13:00 -16:00) : **Cristina E. Torres, Harnawan Rizky and Nasrum Massi (Moderator)** C. FERCAP Steering Committee Meeting **(**16:30 – 20:00**)**
November 23- 24, 2026 Monday – Tuesday	Conference Proper
November 25, 2026 Wednesday	A. FERCAP Recognition Program (9:00 to 12:00) B. Orientation: FERCAP Multi-country Study on Community Engagement in Research (13:00 – 14:30) C. Update FERCAP Surveyor Orientation (14:30 –16:00)

CONFERENCE AGENDA **DAY 1 – NOVEMBER 23, 2026** **(Attire: Business/ National Dress)**	
8:30 – 10:00 **Makassar Time**	**Venue: Opening Ceremony & Plenary Session 1** **(8th Floor, Mother & Child Building, Dr. Wahidin Hospital)**
	Opening Ceremony **MC : Rina Masadah** **Indonesian National Anthem** **Traditional dance** **FERCAP Hymn**
Session Chairs	**Kenji Hirayama**, FERCAP Chair **Muhammad Nasrum Massi,** Conference Convenor, Hasanuddin University

	Welcome Remarks	**Prof. Haerani Rasyid** Dean, Faculty of Medicine, Hasanuddin University **Annas Ahmad, MD** Director General Dr. Wahidin Hospital **Prof. Jamaluddin Jompa** Rector, Hasanuddin University
	Introduction of Country Delegates	**Kenji Hirayama** FERCAP Chair
	Introduction of Keynote Speakers **KEYNOTE Address**	
	Role of Research Ethics in an Era of Global Health Indonesian Perspectives in Health Research Indonesian Initiatives in Drug Development	**Dr. Marcus Lacerda*** **WHO-TDR Director** **Hon. Budi Gunadi Sadikin** **Minister of Health, Indonesia** **Prof. Taruna Ikrar, PhD*** **Indonesian FDA Chairperson**
10:00-10:15	**Session Break**	
	Plenary Session	
10:15-12:30 **Session 1**	**Addressing Ethical Challenges in Global Health**	
	Session Chairs:	**Juntra Laothavorn** SIDCER-FERCAP President **Uleng Bahrun** Faculty of Medicine, UNHAS
1.	Community Engagement in Ethics Review and Oversight	**Mihai Mihut *** WHO-TDR, Switzerland
2.	Ethical Considerations in Drug Resistant Tuberculosis Study	**Muhammad Nasrum Massi** Universitas Hasanuddin REC, Indonesia
3.	Ethical Issues in Rapid Scale-Up of Adenovirus-Vectored Vaccines	**Carina Citra Dewi Joe** Expert Advisor, Chief Technology Officer (CTO) of Danantara, Indonesia
4.	Aiming for Social Impact of Research through Social Inclusion and Community Participation	**Cristina E. Torres** **FERCAP Coordinator**

12:30- 13:30	**Lunchbreak**		
13:00- 13:30 **13:30 – 15:00**	**Move from Dr. Wahidin Hospital to Faculty of Medicine, Hasanuddin University** **(Bus/Car Transportation provided/facilitated by the Conference Committee)** WHO Consultation with FERCAP Key Informants: Involving the Underrepresented Populations in Research (By invitation only) Katherine Littler, Co-Head, WHO Health Ethics and Governance Unit Hall D, Senate Room Faculty 2nd Floor		
13:30-15:00 **Session 2**	**Parallel Sessions**		
	Parallel Session 2A **Ethical Issues in Clinical Research and Practice**	**Parallel Session 2B** **Ethics Education of Research Stakeholders**	Parallel Session 2C **Digitalization and AI in Research**
	Hall A (1st Floor, Amiruddin Auditorium)	Hall B (1st Floor, PPDS Building)	Hall C (1st Floor, Syamsuddin Lecture Theatre 5)
Chairs **Co- Chairs**	**Chih-Yen Chen (TAIRB)** **Agussalim Bukhari (UNHAS)**	**Sangkae Chamnanvanakij (FERCAP Thailand)** **Maisuri T. Chalid (UNHAS)**	**Vajira Dissanayake (FERCAP SC)** **Upik Miskad (UNHAS)**
1.	• **Scientific and Ethical Issues of Secretome Therapy** Ernawati DK, HREC Udayana University, Indonesia	• **A Training Approach for Effective Proposal Submission and Expert Review** Nisa Makruasi Srinakharinwirot University, Thailand	• **Ethical Issues in the Development of Artificial Intelligence (AI) for Infectious Diseases** Tri Wibawa, Universitas Gadjah Mada, Indonesia
2.	• **Use of Standardized Research Risk and Reviewer Assessment Tools** Mah Kah Yee Medical Research and Ethics Committee (MREC), Malaysia	• **Research Ethics Implementation among Health Workers in Teaching Hospitals** Sukaeni Ibrahim, Dr.Wahidin Sudirohusodo General Hospital, Makassar, Indonesia	• **Capacity Building for Research Ethics Review in the AI Era** Vajira Dissananyake University of Colombo Sri Lanka
3.	• **An Ethical Analysis of 16S rRNA-based Psoriasis Study** Suci Budhiani Hasanuddin University, Indonesia	• **Ethical Issues in Medical Education Research** Eti Nurwening Universitas Gadjah Mada, Yogyakarta, Indonesia	• **Ethical Review of Artificial Intelligence-Related Health Research** Ariel Pradipta, Faculty of Medicine, Universitas Indonesia
4.	• **An AI Chatbot for Patient Consultation in Rheumatoid Arthritis** Bagus Putu Putra Suryana *et al*	• **Scaling up Research Ethics Capacity through a Hybrid Online Training Program** Pacharapan Surapolchai *et al.* Thammasat University, Thailand	• **Overcoming the Hidden Pitfalls of IRB Digitalization: Resolving Bottlenecks in Online Review System**

	Komite Etik Riset dan Inovasi (KERIS), Universitas Brawijaya Indonesia		Chien-Liang Ho Taiwan National Cheng Kung University Hospital
5.	• **Ethical Considerations for Clinical Research in Neurotechnology** Xiaolin Yue *et al* Beijing Tiantan Hospital, Capital Medical University, China	• **Integrating Research Integrity and Leadership and Research Culture** Abdul Kadir University of Hasanuddin Indonesia	• **Transforming Research Ethics Governance Through Digitalization** Aarati Shah Ethics Review Board Nepal Health Research Council
15:30- 15:45	**Session Break**		
15:45-17:15 Session 3	**Parallel Sessions**		
	Parallel Session 3A Ethics in Clinical Research and Practice Hall A	**Parallel Session 3B Addressing Vulnerability in Research Hall B**	**Parallel Session 3C Ethical Issues in Public Health Research Hall C**
Chairs Co- Chairs	**Suryani A'sad (FERCAP SC) Sudha Basnet (NHRC NEPAL)**	**Cristina E. Torres (FERCAP) Muhammad Arsyad (UNHAS)**	**Nandini Kumar (FERCAP SC) Irfan Idris (UNHAS)**
1.	• **Routine Hematological Parameters in Falciparum and Vivax Malaria** Nelly Tolla *et al* Muhammadiyah University Makassar, Indonesia	• **Protecting Vulnerable Infants in Nutrition Research** Conny Tanjung *et al* Hasanuddin University, Indonesia	• **Ethical Challenges Experiences from Malaysia and Vietnam During National Blindness Surveys—** Mohamad Aziz Salowi Ministry of Health, Malaysia
2.	• **Safety issues in Cardiopulmonary Exercise Test (CPET) in Advanced Stage Lung Cancer** Samoedro E. *et al* Universitas Indonesia	• **A Community-Based Cross-Sectional Study on Chronic and Neuropathic Pain in the Terai Region, Nepal** Bigen Man Shakya Tribhuvan University, Nepal	• **Needs Assessment for Prevention of Obesity among Young Adults in Nepal** Sujata Shakya et al Tempere, University Finland
3.	• **Dismembering Cadaver Bodies for Medical Research: A Utilitarian Perspective** Ade Firmansyah Sugiharto Faculty of Medicine Universitas Indonesia	• **Ethical Challenges in Health Research During Disaster and Emergencies** Yunita Amraeni *et al* Universitas Pembangunan Nasional Jakarta, Indonesia	• **Evidence Mapping of Ethics Review Adaptation During Public Health Emergencies** Juliani Ibrahim *et al* Universitas Muhammadiyah, Indonesia
4.	• **AI-Assisted Classification of Systemic Lupus Erythematosus**	• **Parental Consent in Epigenetic Research on Childhood Stunting** Septi Rachmawati *et al* Universitas Brawijaya Indonesia	• **Developing a Code of Conduct for Public Health Personnel** James Gumpal University of the Philippines

	Bagus Putu Putra Suryana *et al* (KERIS) Universitas Brawijaya Indonesia		
5.	• **Rapid Detection of rrs Mutations in M. tuberculosis** Muh Akbar Ardiputra *et al* Hasanuddin University, Indonesia	• **Knowledge and Attitudes towards Contraceptive Use among Students** Mark Vincent Sarigumba *et al* University of Bohol, Philippines	• **Who are we protecting? Dilemmas in ethical oversight of public health policy research** Elizabeth Pisani Universitas Pancasila, Jakarta And King's College London
18:00- 20:00	**Cultural Program/ Dinner (Faculty of Medicine Grounds)**		

Day 2: November 24, 2026			
08:30-10:30 **Session 4**	**Parallel Sessions**		
	Parallel Session 4A **Improving Quality of Ethics Review**	**Parallel Session 4B** **Cultural Perspectives in Research**	**Parallel Session 4C** **Establishing Capacity Building Networks**
	Hall A	**Hall B**	**Hall C**
Chairs **Co- Chairs**	**Kwanchanok Yimtae** **(CREC Thailand)** **Berti Nelwan (UNHAS)**	**Phanthipha Wongwai** **(FERCAP Thailand)** **Irawaty Dj (UNHAS)**	**Aphornpirom Ketupanya** **(FERCAP SC)** **Nita Rukminasari (UNHAS)**
1.	• **Benchmarking SAEs in Oncology Clinical Trials** Cheah Kit Yee *et al* Medical Research and Ethics Committee (MREC) Ministry of Health Malaysia	• **Navigating Relational Ethics in Creative Practice and Research** Roselle Pineda College of Arts and Letters University of the Philippines Diliman	• **Enabling Global Networks: Rare-Disease Research Ethics and Evidentiary Justice** Teguh Haryo Sasongko School of Medicine, IMU University, Malaysia
2.	• **Enhancing Clinical Trial Quality through Risk-Proportionate Monitoring** Thidarat Jupimai Chulalongkorn University Thailand	• **Fictive Kinship, Social Norms and Research Ethics in Malaysia*** Premalatha Karupiah School of Social Sciences Universiti Sains Malaysia	• **Clinical Research Ethics & Governance in Sub-Saharan Africa** Vivian Mbanya University of Oslo Norway
3.	• **Ensuring quality review of PD reports of Key Ethics Committees in the Philippines** Edwin C. Ruamero, Jr. *et al* University of the Philippines Manila	• **State Authority and Arts & Humanities in the Global South *** Lakan Uhay D. Alegre University of the Philippines Diliman	• **Beyond Compliance: Reimagining Research Ethics Committees for Responsive Research Governance**

			Ardita Hartanti Pramudani Nusa Trials Indonesia
4.	• **Improving Review of Products for Commercial Use** Patricia Khu Cardinal Santos Medical Center IRB Philippines	• **Regional Differences in Public Awareness, Attitudes, and Willingness Towards Biobanking *** Jeffrey Pradeep Raj Kasturba Medical College Manipal, India	• **Building an Ethical Research Culture in Indonesia with FERCAP** Suryani As'ad Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences Universitas Muhammadiyah Makassar, Indonesia
10:30-11:00	**Session Break**		
11:00-12:30 **Session 5**	**Parallel Sessions**		
	Parallel Session 5A **Strengthening Collaboration in Asia** **Hall A**	**Parallel Session 5B** **Setting up Functional RECs** **Hall B**	**Parallel Session 5C** **FERCAP Networking Session** **Hall C**
Chairs **Co- Chairs**	**Kenji Hirayama (FERCAP SC)** **Masyita Gaffar (UNHAS)**	**Im Hee Shin (FERCAP SC)** **Nova Pieter (UNHAS)**	**Nurain Mohd Noor (FERCAP SC)** **Warsinggih (UNHAS)**
1.	• **ARISE: Strengthening Japan–Asia-Pacific Collaboration in Clinical Research through FERCAP**	• **Paper-Based Research Ethics Review: A Lean Management Approach** Qaira Anum *et al* Dr. M. Djamil General Hospital, Padang Indonesia	• **Networking with EUREC: the Simplify Project*** Lisa Haberlain European Union RECs Germany
2.	Nasrum Massi (UNHAS, Indonesia)	• **Evaluation of the Operational Performance of a Research Ethics Committee: Administrative Speed and Researcher Satisfaction** Ima Maria et al Universitas Pembangunan Nasional Veteran Jakarta, Indonesia	• **Post Trial Arrangements in Pandemic Ethics: Norwegian Research Council*** Rosemarie Bernabe, University of Oslo, Norway
3.	Kwanchanok Yimtae (Ramathibodi Hospital, Thailand	• **From Paper to Platform: Digital Transformation of the Jose R. Reyes Memorial Medical Center Institutional Review Board*** Jerickson Abbie S. Flores *et al,* Jose R. Reyes Medical Center, Manila, Philippines	• **Strengthening Research Ethics Review in Indonesia: The Role of FIRREC** Anton Rahardjo/Monalisa Waworundeng FIRREC, Indonesia
4.			• **Navigating Ethics Review Discrepancies and**

			Strengthening REC Operational Excellence Nurain Mohd Noor *et al* Medical Research and Ethics Committee (MREC) Ministry of Health, Malaysia
12:30-13:30	**Lunch Break and Poster Viewing (Biochemistry corridor)**		
13:30-15:00 **Session 6**	**Parallel Session 6A** **Addressing Challenges in REC Operations** **Hall A**	**Parallel Session 6B** **Promoting Context-Specific Issues in Health Research** **Hall B**	**Parallel Session 6C** **Incorporating Community Perspectives in Research** **Hall C**
Chairs **Co- Chairs**	**Jarruphong Noitumyae (FERCAP Thailand)** **Yusinta Fujaya (UNHAS)**	**Edlyn Jimenez (PHREN)** **Saidah Irfan (UNHAS)**	**Thipaporn Tharavanij (FERCAP Thailand)** **Dahlang (UNHAS)**
1.	• **Integrating Research Integrity in Ethics Review** Jacinto Blas V. Mantaring III *et al,* University of the Philippines Manila	• **Descriptive study evaluating informed assents of regulatory clinical trials conducted in a tertiary health care centre** Tavarekar SR *et al* Seth G.S. Medical College & KEM Hospital, Mumbai, Maharashtra, India	• **Providing ITN with fee/cost sharing or free in urban areas: A Public health ethical perspective/ analysis** Sosina W. Tilahun and Adamu Addissie, Ethiopia
2.	• **Improving Time Efficiency in Research Ethics Review** Vycke Yunivita *et al* Universitas Padjadjaran, Bandung, Indonesia	• **Ethical Considerations in Governance & Quality Across the Clinical & Translational Research*** Subhas Chandra Dutta, Ayurvedic Medical Hospital Kolkata, India	• **Socio-economic and literacy status among participants of regulatory clinical trials conducted at a tertiary health care centre.*** Mondal S. Seth GS Medical College and KEM Hospital, Mumbai, INDIA
3.	• **Principles of Quality Management Systems into Ethics Review** Cecilia A. Jimeno University of the Philippines Manila Research Ethics Board	• **Navigating Ethical Research During Crisis: Facilitators and Barriers to Research Conduct in Uganda Amid the Public Health Emergencies (COVID-19)*** Christopher Ddamulira Uganda National Council for Science and Technology (UNCST), Uganda	• **Integrating NVivo and NotebookLM in Qualitative Research on Post-Trial Access: Perception of Research Stakeholders** Annaveve Rose Alaban-Alota University of the Philippines Manila

4.	• **Friend or Foe? The Role of Research Ethics Committee as a Critical Partner in Shaping Ethical Review Service** Fida Afridah et al Fatmawati General Hospital, Jakarta, Indonesia	• **Provisions of Post-Trial Access in Nepal** Namita Ghimire Nepal Health Research Council, Nepal	• **Knowledge, Attitude and Practice of AYUSH Medical Practitioners** Zenica DSouza, Yenepoya Ayurveda Medical College, India
15:30 -15:45	**Session Break**		
Session 7	**Plenary Session (Hall A)**		
15:45-17:30	**Ensuring Responsible Conduct of Research**		
	Session Chairs:	Vicente Belizario, Jr. FERCAP Steering Committee Rina Masadah UNHAS	
1.	**Involving Underrepresented Populations in Research**	Katherine Littler WHO Switzerland	
2.	Quality by Design in Ethics Review	Juntra Laothavorn SIDCER-FERCAP	
3.	**Safeguarding Human Ethical Judgment in Deploying Robotic Process Automation**	Chien-Liang Ho Taiwan National Cheng Kung University Hospital	
4.	**Developing a One Health Approach in Global Health**	Vicente Belizario University of the Philippines Manila	
17:15-17:30	**Closing Ceremony** **Invitation to the 2027 FERCAP Conference**	Kenji Hirayama	
17.30	**Dinner for FERCAP Steering Committee & Local Hosts**	Hosted by UNHAS 2nd Floor of Senate room	

***Online**

FERCAP General Assembly: November 25, 2026 (9:00-12:00), Hall C	
Welcome Remarks	**Kenji Hirayama** FERCAP Chair
Awarding of Certificates of Appreciation	**Universitas Hasanuddin** **Universitas Muhammadiyah Makassar** **Dr. Wahidin Hospital** **FIRREC**
FERCAP Reports	**Cristina Torres** FERCAP Coordinator **Kesara Na Banchang** FERCAP Treasurer
Recognition Ceremony	**Juntra Laothavorn** SIDCER Coordinator
Accomplishment Awards	**Juntra Laothavorn** SIDCER-FERCAP President
Closing Remarks	**Kenji Hirayama** FERCAP Chair
Master of Ceremony	**Ms. Edlyn Jimenez** University of the Philippines Manila

Update on 2027 FERCAP Activities 13.00 – 16.00 on Recent Changes in International Guidelines (13:00 –16:00)	
• **SIDCER Surveyor Training** ○ **Addressing Common Finding during FERCAP survey**	FERCAP Training Team
• **Launching of the FERCAP Research Project: Survey of Community Engagement in Research**	**Juntra Laothavorn** **Cristina E. Torres**