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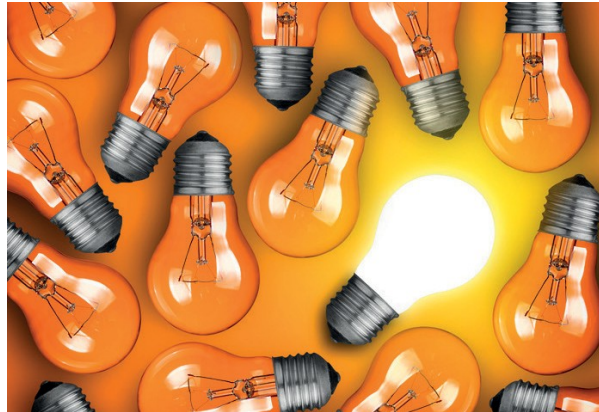
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1. Introduction

A bright idea could end up being the once-in-a-lifetime discovery. At the 33rd ISBT Congress in Seoul, the Transfusion-Transmitted Infectious Disease (TTID) Working Party (WP) discussed the development of a new initiative for young investigators. The objective is to further refine research readiness and provide an overview of key skills that will advance research ability for young investigators. The vision for the initiative is to provide participants a setting where they can discuss new ideas with TTID experts, learn principles of TTID research and scientific studies in general, and reinforce these ideas with a practical aspect focused on writing a research protocol.

Within the training program real research protocols will be drafted and potentially funded by ISBT TTID WP grants. The training program incorporates a dual lecture and practical model with in-person meetings at the ISBT Congress, eight webinars, one-on-one web-based teleconferences, homework and potential for your first self-structured and self-financed research study funded by a grant.



Research in your country can benefit transfusion medicine locally and contribute to the global body of knowledge in transfusion medicine. Returning to the beginning visual, there are many 'bright ideas' or research discoveries in the field of transfusion medicine that are waiting for young investigators. So jump in, say „I TRY IT“, and send us your research ideas, questions and applications.

Sincerely yours,

Brian Custer, Marion Vermeulen and Michael Schmidt

ISBT TTID-WP

2. Application for Candidates

Candidates must be a member of ISBT or willing to become a member of ISBT if your application to I TRY IT is successful.

3. 2016 Webinars

Webinars will start in early May.

WEBINAR	MONTH
1	May
2	May
3	June
4	June
5	July
6	July
7	August
8	August

4. Mentorship Teleconferences

Each participant will be assigned a primary and secondary mentor. This small group, or in one-on-one meetings, will connect at least twice throughout the duration of the course using teleconference, Skype or face time to provide mentorship.

5. Workshops and Meetings

September 2016: three day meeting in Dubai, linked to the ISBT congress. We will review topics covered in the 8 webinars and new content:

- Research question
- Study hypothesis
- Basics of measurements, e.g. precision and accuracy
- Introduction to statistics and sample size calculations
- Overview of study designs
- Measures of test screening performance
- Data validity, Issues of bias
- Research ethics, Quality control
- State-of-the-art knowledge of TTID
- Protocol and manuscript writing workshop
- Presentation of progress on protocol development

- Peer review
- Individual mentoring
- Overview of grant selection process for best protocols

A completed Research Protocol will be required by all participating trainees and will be presented and reviewed in Dubai during the workshop.

6. Expenses

For successful applicants travel expenses to Dubai, room and board while in Dubai participating in I TRY IT and the congress, and registration for the Dubai ISBT congress will be covered by the I TRY IT program

7. Learning Credit Points

Candidates will receive learning credit points for participation in each learning objective. In total 100 points are possible, achieving at least 80 points will lead to a certificate of participation in the I TRY IT research training course.

8. Grants

After the workshop you will then have the opportunity to submit a final version of your protocol for consideration for research funding. For the best three protocols a €5,000 small grant to support the research will be awarded. Projects that are funded will also require a close-out report upon completion of the research. The required reporting format will be consistent with the manuscript writing outline we will cover during the 3-day in-person workshop.

9. Address for Applications

Interested applicants please submit the following before 21st April 2016:

1. A curriculum vitae (CV) or resumé
2. A preliminary research idea or research question description not to exceed one-side of a single page, describing the TTID-related study you would like to conduct.

Please submit application materials or questions you may have about the program to:

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