Dear Sir/Madam:

Attached please find updated information announcing West Virginia University's (WVU) annual Certificate of Knowledge course in Clinical Tropical Medicine and Traveler's Health. This course is accredited by the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene. The course is open to all health care professionals including physicians (new MD and DO graduates, family medicine physicians, internists, emergency medicine physicians, OBGYN specialists, pediatricians, surgeons, mid-career physicians etc), dentists, podiatrists, Masters in Public Health, nurses, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, medical students and public health students. The course is divided into four modules in order to accommodate busy schedules and allow more flexibility for health care professionals to take the course. Participants may take just one, two, or three modules in any sequence, or they may choose to take the entire course in a single summer if their schedules allow. We believe in keeping tuition costs affordable for all participants. In fact, we are offering a 10% discount for registration fees paid in full by April 1, 2016. In addition to the early registration discount, we are offering a special rate of \$2200 for all four modules to organizations and residency/fellowship programs sending two or more participants. We are also pleased to announce that we are offering Modules 1, 2 and 4 online. Because of the many labs in Module 3, our Medical Parasitology Module, participants must come to West Virginia University to take this module. Please distribute this information to any interested health care professionals.

West Virginia University, founded in 1867, is located in Morgantown, West Virginia, a city of nearly 30,000 residents, 61,000 with students, near West Virginia's northern border. It is one of only 46 public universities that serve their state as research and land-grant institutions.

Located in "Mountaineer Country," Morgantown is a recreational haven year-round. As West Virginia's fifth largest city, it was recently rated the No. 1 Small City in America and the Best Small City in the East. Morgantown is within easy traveling distance of Washington, D.C. to the east, Pittsburgh to the north, and is easy to reach from Cleveland and Columbus, Ohio.

For further information, contact Nancy Sanders or Jacque Visyak at (304) 293-5916, fax (304) 293-2209, or by e-mail <u>nsanders@hsc.wvu.edu</u>, jvisyak@hsc.wvu.edu. Please feel free to visit our web site at <u>www.hsc.wvu.edu/som/tropmed</u> and click on "course information".

Sincerely yours,

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