

Best Practice in Radiation Oncology: A Course to train RTT Trainers. Part I - Train the RTT trainers

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- Programme Aims:**
1. To equip RTTs with the skills necessary to design, organise, deliver and evaluate a course in their own language to RTTs in their own country
 2. To promote the further development of and increase the standard of education programmes for RTTs
 3. To provide a focused course for RTTs
 4. To raise the profile of ESTRO with RTTs and increase RTT membership and participation within ESTRO
- Target Group:** ESTRO aims to select 30 participants for the first course coming possibly from 10 countries. Participants should be in a position to exert influence subsequently in their own country and ideally 2-3 persons from each country will be selected to attend (preferably: 1 academic RTT, 1 clinical RTT and 1 national society representative)
- Participants should commit themselves to:
- ⇒ Conduct preparatory research and prepare documentation
 - ⇒ Attend and evaluate preparatory and consolidation courses
 - ⇒ Design, organise, develop, deliver and evaluate local course
 - ⇒ To deliver 3 local courses over a 3 year period

Selection Procedure:

Open to all interested countries. Applications should be done per country, providing 3 names and a short description of the topics of the first locally planned course and the target audience (10 lines maximum).

Timelines:

- ⇒ Applications to be received by 28 March 2008.
- ⇒ Selection to be done by 14 April 2008.
- ⇒ Notification and detailed information of the preparatory work to be sent by 28 April 2008.
- ⇒ Preparatory work to be submitted by 27 June 2008.

Educational Programme:

The Programme consists of different phases:

1. **Train the RTT Trainers** (5 days -August 31-September 4, 2008). Participants will have introductory lectures on how to design, organise, and deliver and evaluate a course, supported by practical sessions. Preparatory research will be required. At the end of the preparatory course, it is expected that participants will have:
 - a. an outline programme for a three day course,
 - b. prepared one of the sites that they will teach,
 - c. sufficient skills to prepare good lectures (collection and evaluation of information, preparing ppt presentations),
 - d. a checklist and timetable of what they need to do,
 - e. identified potential faculty members,
 - f. a network of contacts for support,
 - g. the means to evaluate their course.
2. **First local course** (3 days - between January and September 2009). The local faculty will deliver a 3-day local course and evaluate this course. They will be visited by one of the international faculty who will attend for a part of the course, if possible.
3. **The consolidation course (2 days - end 2009)**. The initial group will meet to discuss their courses, their successes and their failures, and how they will approach it differently this year. They will evaluate the entire programme. Some lectures may be given if there are specific areas that need to be reinforced.
4. **Interim support for participants**. Interim support to the participants will be provided either through regular tele or webbased conferences. This could be on an individual basis but also a series of pre arranged group sessions could be very useful.
5. **Second and third local course** (3 days between January and December 2010)