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Dear Sir,

As you are aware, increasing number of States are implementing the Revised National Tuberculosis Control Programme (RNTCP). Now the medical colleges have formed State Task Forces and a large number of medical colleges have established a core committee to oversee the functioning of the microscopy / treatment centre under the programme.

The initiatives towards greater involvement of medical colleges in the programme have gained momentum and there is now growing professional consensus in India regarding the efficacy of the DOTS strategy. Presently, over 260 medical colleges are participating in the programme.

Building on this momentum, and as also based on recommendations during the National Task Force workshop of Medical Colleges held at AIIMS, it is proposed to organize a Workshop of the Zonal Task Force for the South zone comprising of the states of Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Kerala, Pondicherry and Andhra Pradesh. The workshop will be, held on **28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> of August, 2008 at Govt Medical College, Trivandrum, Kerala**. A tentative agenda for the workshop is also enclosed.

We would request you to participate in the workshop or nominate **one faculty member involved in the implementation of RNTCP** from your Medical College, preferably the chairman of the RNTCP Core Committee constituted in your Medical College. In the event that the chairperson of the core committee is not attending the workshop, the nomination may kindly be finalized in consultation with the chairperson of the RNTCP Core Committee in the Medical College. Background materials for the workshop, including recommendation of the previous NTF workshops, can be accessed at the website <http://www.tbcindia.org>

Expenses towards travel by the admissible mode and class will be reimbursed by cheque at the venue, for which tickets/receipts etc may please be retained and provided with the TA claim. Outstation participants will also be eligible for a per diem of Rs. 800 per day attended (2 days max), within which local travel, accommodation, boarding etc will have to be arranged by the participants themselves. However you can avail services of Dr. Ramesh. K Mobile No. 9746382759 for booking hotels of your preference. Please see the Tariff rates in our website: [www.commedtvm.org](http://www.commedtvm.org).

Kindly confirm participation by phone/fax 04712466058 and/or by email at [commedtvm@gmail.com](mailto:commedtvm@gmail.com); [communitymedicine@gmail.com](mailto:communitymedicine@gmail.com); or [stoke@rntcp.org](mailto:stoke@rntcp.org). If you would require any other assistance or clarification, please do let us know at the numbers/email addresses indicated above, well in advance.

Yours faithfully

(Dr. Leela Itty Amma.K.R, Org Secretary, South zone ZTF meeting)

To,

(Contact persons in all Medical Colleges as per list)