

# IHOD Management Visits in Thai Nguyen University & Hanoi Medical University

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## *Meetings Dates:*

*Thai Nguyen: Thursday 3rd and Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2019*

*Hanoi: Monday 7th and Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2019*

## *Attendees:*

*Prof. Mary Casey - IHOD Project Coordinator, UCD*

*Ms. Valerie Carbon - IHOD Project Administrator, UCD*

*Assoc. Prof. Nguyen Huu Tu, HMU*

*Prof. Ta Thanh Van, HMU's Rector*

*Le Thi Cue – Nursing and Midwifery Faculty, TNU*

*Tuy Cung Trung- Vice Dean of Nursing & Midwifery Faculty, TNU*

*Prof. Huong – Director of School Preventative Medicine and Public Health, TNU*

*Hog Hai Van – Lecturer in Epidemiology, TNU*

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Both visits provided presentations and ample information and insights into the national Public Health system in Vietnam and on the universities organisation and structures.

Thai Nguyen University (TNU) ran a comparative overlook of the differences between the current Master programme and the IHOD programme. Topics are similar in nature, the credits allocation differs. It is observed that the IHOD project has increased the relationship between TNU and HMU. Meetings with the Faculty of Nursing in Hanoi Medical University (HMU) and in Thai Nguyen University.

Review of the IHOD Questionnaire was carried out in both institutions. Subsequently, a few recommendations were made.

Local Operational Committee's (LOC) membership, agendas and minutes of meetings should be uploaded to the project's Drive. The use of same has been demonstrated in both institutions by Ms. Valerie Carbon. Inclusion of students in the LOC. Emphasis placed on using a Curriculum Model – the Fink Model for practitioners is available from the IHOD Curriculum Document and is accessible from the Drive. HMU's structure of their Training Programme is moving closer to a modular system.

Prof. Casey outlines how beneficial it would be for both universities to integrate the IHOD Person-Centred Care module in their new programme. Some of the hospital practitioners are interested in some of the IHOD programme. The upcoming Train the Trainer visit to Vietnam, facilitated by UCD in February will provide such content. The dates for this activity were changed – UCD will visit TNU for one week from February 10<sup>th</sup> and HMU from February 17<sup>th</sup> for one week.

HMU's current programme could be complimented by some IHOD modules - the Masters programme is now a one year programme to attract more international students. It is taught in English. The IHOD programme is designed for two years. TNU are very interested on how the assessments are carried out in Ireland / UCD. Prof. Casey provided an in-depth account on how the assessments vary from the formerly traditional model thus participating in developing a more modern educational approach by promoting creativity and life-long learning for students.

Prof. Casey requested that the IHOD Curriculum Document be translated in Vietnamese from page 25 to 108 as they are a good example of modern education. Strong suggestion to have this translation done before the Train the Trainer facilitated by UCD in February so that the attendees can read it before attending the course. It was suggested that TNU and HMU can split the amount of pages to translate and share. The translation should be uploaded to the IHOD Google Drive.

Reminder on having the Nursing Department sitting in the training and having access to the Curriculum Document.