

Preliminary invitation for EPDET 2011 - Development Evaluation Training

European offering of International Programme for Development Evaluation Training

EPDET 2011
19th - 25th September 2011

Mlynhotel, Vilanec
Czech Republic

(<http://www.mlynhotel.cz/en/>)

Development Worldwide (DWW) and the Slovak Evaluation Society have the pleasure to launch preliminary invitation to the European Program for Development Evaluation Training - EPDET 2011, to continue the tradition of this European summer school – mini IPDET started in 2007 (see section Czech DET at www.dww.cz).

The core curriculum of the training follows a successful scheme of the Summer school IPDET (www.ipdet.org), organized annually by Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada.

EPDET 2011 will be provided in English again by top lecturers Ms. Linda G. Morra Imas and Mr. Ray C. Rist. The training is recommended for evaluators and managers of development projects and programs.

The training graduates will obtain Certificate of the IDEAS - International Development Evaluation Association (www.ideas-int.org).

European offering of the International Programme for Development Evaluation Training (IPDET) is organized by Development Worldwide (DWW) and Slovak Evaluation Society.



The all-inclusive participant fee is 990 Euro. Please note that we are working to secure funding to lower costs. If successful, we will reduce the fee accordingly and provide refunds as indicated. The fee includes tuition, accommodation and board as well as joint transportation from Prague and back. Participants will receive both printed and electronic versions of the training manual and other training material.

Accommodation for participants will be offered in fully equipped single hotel rooms. Full board will be arranged beginning with lunch on Monday 19 September and finishing with breakfast on Sunday 25 September 2011. Joint departure will be organized from Prague on Monday 19 September in the morning and the return on Sunday 25 September, 2011 in the morning.

Capacity of the training is limited to 40 participants, therefore we kindly ask all applicants to confirm their preliminary interest until 20 April 2011 by email to EPDET program manager: Ms. Dagmar Gombitova (gombitova@evaluation.sk).

Further information, payment instructions, and details on the training will be distributed to the applicants until end of June 2011.

EPDET Lecturers

Ray C. Rist, consultant to the World Bank

is creator and co-director of IPDET and current President of IDEAS. Retired from the Independent Evaluation Group of the World Bank, Dr. Rist continues advising organizations and national governments throughout the world on how to design and build results-based M&E systems. His career includes 15 years in the United States Government with senior appointments in both the executive and legislative branches, and he has held professorships at Johns Hopkins, Cornell, and George Washington Universities and been a Fulbright fellow at the Max Planck Institute. He has authored or edited 26 books, written more than 140 articles, and lectured in more than 75 countries. Dr. Rist serves on the editorial boards of nine professional journals and chairs an international working group that collaborates on research related to evaluation and governance.

Linda G. Morra Imas, consultant to the World Bank

is creator and co-director of IPDET and has more than 30 years of experience with private and public sector evaluation and training in monitoring and evaluation throughout the world. She currently holds the position of the Secretary of IDEAS and leads its Initiative on Competencies for International Development Evaluators. Linda is co-author of the new comprehensive text, *The Road to Results: Designing and Conducting Effective Development Evaluations*. Recently retired as chief evaluation officer and advisor, evaluation capacity development, from the Independent Evaluation Group, World Bank Group, Dr. Morra Imas consults on monitoring and evaluation for the World Bank and other organizations and national governments. She is former director of education and employment program evaluation for the U.S. Government Accountability Office and has taught program evaluation at George Washington University as an adjunct professor.

Preliminary Program of the EPDET 2011

Day One Monday 19.09.2011 (afternoon)

- Welcome & Introductions
- Program Overview and Course Objectives
- Challenges in Evaluation in the Region
- Introducing Development Evaluation
- Small Group Work – Discussing the Case Studies

Day Two Tuesday 20.09.2011

- Building a Result-Based Monitoring and Evaluation System
- Understanding the Evaluation Context and Program Theory of Change
- Small Group Work – Developing the Program Theory of Change

Day Three Wednesday 21.09.2011

- Developing Evaluation Questions and Starting the Design Matrix
- Selecting Designs for Cause-and-Effect, Descriptive and Normative Questions
- Small Group Work – Evaluation Questions

Day Four Thursday 22.09.2011

- Selecting and Constructing Data Collection Instruments
- Choosing the Sampling Strategy and Planning for and Conducting Data Analysis
- Small Group Work – Evaluation Design

Day Five Friday 23.09.2011

- Managing an Evaluation
- Presenting Results
- Small Group Work: Completing the Design Matrix

Day Six Saturday 24.09.2011

- Group Work Presentations: Project Logic Model & Evaluation Design Matrix
- Questions and Answers Round Table
- Field Trip, Evaluation of the Training, and Graduation Dinner

Day Seven Sunday 25.09.2011

- Departure to Prague around 9:00

Final program will be confirmed by 31 July, 2011

Please, see the attached Application form

Questions or requests for additional information may be addressed directly to Ms. Dagmar Gombitová, EPDET program manager (gombitova@evaluation.sk)