Origins of CIET in Mexico

Returning tropical medicine to the tropics

Tropical Disease Research Centre

The Centro de Investigaciones de Enfermedades Tropicales (CIET) at the Universidad Autónoma de Guerrero (UAGro), Mexico, opened in 1986 with Dr Neil Andersson as its Science Director. From its inception, the Centre offered intensive training in the use of epidemiology in planning that attracted 600 planners and researchers from 58 countries. CIET at UAGro now offers:

- Diploma course for working professionals
- Masters in Public Health
- Masters in Science (Epidemiology)
- Doctorate in Epidemiology.

Research topics

- Acute respiratory infections
- Chagas disease
- Cholera
- Community dermatology
- Dengue and malaria
- Diarrhoea
- Domestic violence
- HIV
- Intestinal parasites
- Measles
- Medical school corruption
- Micro-regional planning
- Safe childbirth
- Scorpion sting
- Tuberculosis
- Working children

Building the community voice into planning

The CIET approach has been to engage with marginalised communities, to help them deal with their most pressing health problems. In Mexico, this included the state’s large and diverse indigenous population.

Today this approach is known as the CIET methods of community engagement in scientific research and service delivery. Today CIETméxico pursues a multi-country programme on intercultural research.

CIET founders 1986: Ascencio Villegas, Neil Andersson, Eduardo Martínez

Quality control of samples from field work

In the background is Dr José Legorreta, current director of CIET in Mexico

For more information:

http://www.ciet.org/en/country/mexico

Participatory Research at McGill

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Fieldwork in Guerrero