ON-SITE TRAINING MISSIONS AND EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES IN INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH

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On-Site Educational Objectives:

• Develop local skills and self-reliance
• Spread new knowledge/technologies
• Inspire?
• Entertain?
Objectives Drive Relevance

- If the only objective is to build local capability, we **must** have expertise on:
  - Available equipment
  - Regional pathology
  - Local work flow
  - Target audience: career development

- Other Objectives
  - Satisfy intellectual curiosity
  - Share developing technologies
  - Establish connections
What Works?

• Host institution
• Engaged trainers/teachers
• Teaching from experience
• View box teaching

What Doesn’t?

• Canned lectures
• Strict “need-based” curriculum
• Million-dollar research topics
How to guarantee quality?

• Feedback!
• Have a (flexible) plan
• Share prepared lectures with travelers but highly encourage modifications/adaptations
Educational Resources:

- Relevance and Quality:
  Would you use it at home?
  Is there a similar copy on your (e)Library?

- E-resources over webpages and cloud-based
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