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1. Enhancing Ethical Reporting of Adverse Events in Local Clinical Trials for Improved Practices

Speaker: Dr. Hjh Salina Abdul Aziz, Current Independent Reviewer for the Medical Research and Ethics Committee, Malaysia, and Former Chairperson for the Medical Research and Ethics Committee.

2. Ethical Issues Related to Data Privacy and Security

Speaker: Professor Ts Dr. Jasni Mohamad Zain, Director, Institute for Big Data Analytics and Artificial Intelligence (IBDAAI), UiTM.

3. Ethics and Artificial Intelligence

Speaker: Associate Professor Dr. Marina Yusoff, Deputy Director, Institute for Big Data Analytics and Artificial Intelligence (IBDAAI), UiTM.

4. Common Integrity Violations Amongst Researchers

Speaker: Ms. Nik Shakerah Md Sukri, Head of Compliance Section, Integrity Strengthening & Disciplinary Unit, UiTM.

Day 2: The workshop

The workshop involved a thorough discussion of issues related to Research Ethics at UiTM. There was a lot of brainstorming to provide solutions and a better way forward. Several important REC and ERC documents were discussed and updated. Among the issues discussed were the Ethics Review Committee (ERC) and Research Ethics Committee (REC) terms and references, research ethics exemption pathways, ERC audit visits, REC administrative fees, a comprehensive and efficient REC online system (READI) to improve application processes, and the strengthening of the REC expert members and review system.

Through the training, the REC members gained a deeper understanding of data security, AI, and adverse events, enabling them to enhance their skills to effectively apply this knowledge in various scenarios in ethics proposal applications review. The RECs also identified several key areas needing improvement, and strategic planning to enhance work efficiency and safety was proposed.

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