

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.



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

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 CIET México pursues a multi-country programme on intercultural research.

Research topics

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



Quality control of samples from field work
In the background is Dr José Legorreta,
current director of CIET in Mexico



Fieldwork in Guerrero



Participatory Research at McGill

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