The 42nd training course on 'Radioimmunoassay and its Clinical Applications', jointly organized by BARC and Sri Venkateswara Institute of Medical Sciences (SVIMS), Tirupati, was conducted during July 16-31, 2001 at Tirupati. This course was inaugurated by Mr P. Krishnaiah (IAS), Executive Officer, Tirupati Tirumala Devasthanam (TTD) in a function presided over by Dr N. Ramamoorthy, Associate Director, Isotope Group & Chief Executive, BRIT. Prof. N. Kochupillai, Head (Retired), Department of Endocrinology & Metabolism, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi, delivered the keynote address. The course was attended by 18 medical doctors specialized in areas such as endocrinology, pathology and pharmacology from all over India.

The Radioimmunoassay training course was started at BARC in the year 1980 to train prospective users of radioimmunoassay kits with the methodology and its quality control aspects.

The Radioimmunoassay course is generally held twice a year with 20-24 candidates in each batch.

However, in the year 2001, three courses were conducted – two at BRIT laboratories, Navi Mumbai, and the third at Sri Venkateswara Institute of Medical Sciences, Tirupati. With over 1000 medical and paramedical personnel trained in the 42 courses conducted thus far, the RIA training has been the crucial catalytic factor for the growth of RIA in India. At present, there are over 500 RIA laboratories in India, thanks to the RIA training programme. At least 40 trainees from more than 15-20 countries have also received training in RIA in India. In addition, one exclusive International Training Course on RIA for IAEA-sponsored candidates was also held in 1986.