



**SEAMEO TROP MED Network
In-House Meeting
13 May 2016
Amari Watergate Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand**

Proceedings

❖ **Registration**

❖ **Welcome** **Dr. Pratap Singhasivanon**

❖ **Introduction of participants:**

✚ **TROP MED Malaysia:**

- **Dr. Zubaidah Zakaria**
Acting Director, Institute for Medical Research (IMR) and
Acting Director, SEAMEO TROP MED Regional Centre for Microbiology,
Parasitology and Entomology
- **Dr. Rohani Ahmad**
Research Officer and Deputy Dean DAPE Entomology Unit

✚ **TROP MED Philippines**

- **Dr. Carmen Cornelia Tolabing**
SEAMEO Focal Person and
Professor of Epidemiology
Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics

✚ **TROP MED Thailand**

- **Assoc. Prof. Emsri Pongponratn**
Consultant to the Dean for International Affairs and Alliance

TROPMED Network Office

- **Dr. Pratap Singhasivanon**
Secretary General/ Coordinator
- **Dr. Ma. Sandra B. Tempongko**
Deputy Coordinator
- **Ms. Pornpimol Chaivittayangkul**
Administrative Officer for Programme
- **Ms. Parinda Chomming**
Accountant II
- **Ms. Pensri Chuenpradit**
Programme Officer
- **Ms. Arunkamol Desabaedya**
Assistance Accountant

❖ Approval of the Agenda

❖ Agreements reached during the Meeting

50th Anniversary Regional Symposium

- Date- August 30, 2016
- Amari Watergate Hotel
- Programme was approved with addition of the tribute to Ms. Vimolsri Panichyanon and Launching of the Scholarship Project under her name in the Opening Ceremony. The tribute will be in the form of a video.
- Opening Remarks will be the Minister of Education Thailand/ or representative
- Keynote Speaker - still up for discussion
- Panelists - will wait for suggested names
- MC for Opening- should come from one of the Centres
- Moderator for panel can either be a GB Member or coming from the Centre.
- Participants to include previous Directors of Centres, major partners and individuals who contributed to the Network. Centres to give a list of names and contact information of their previous Directors, relevant persons, and major Partners.

Journal 50th issue (July)

- All scientific articles submitted by the Centres
- Three articles about the three Centres
- One short article about the Network
- Final deadline for submission of articles is 15 May 2016

Exhibition Booth

- The size of the booth per Centre is 3X2 (back panel is 3 meters and side panels are 2 meters each) The width of each panel is 1 meter and the height is 2.50 meters
- Centres can bring some publications, brochures, tokens for distribution
- It was suggested that Centres' exhibitions should highlight:
 - Major accomplishments/projects that have influence in regional/global health
 - In different areas i.e. Research. Capacity building; Extension work-special projects
 - Link to SDG
 - Link to 7 priorities of SEAMEO

Publication for distribution

- *Network Office Publication for distribution*
 - 50th Monograph
 - Reprint 1st article of Dr. Chamlong
 - July issue- SEAJTMPH
 - Supplements of Journal
 - Folder of Special projects of Network
- *TROPMED Centres can prepare what they want for distribution*

Updates on other Anniversary related activities

- *DAAD-SEAMEO TROPMED Network Alumni Forum*
28-29 June 2016, BKK, Eastin Hotel

- Proposed Agenda in the Concept brief:
 1. Plenary Session 1: Public Health Scenarios and Challenges
 - Global - **Presenter will be a German expert**
 - Regional (SEA) - an Alumna/alumnus from SEA
 - Open Forum Moderator-
 2. Panel Discussion: Scholarship and Its Impact on the Health System of the countries in SEA
 - **DAAD Scholarship - Panelist - German**
 - Alumni from: Indonesia, Myanmar, Philippines, Thailand
 3. Small group discussions: Forward-looking scholarship philosophy in relation to the changing scenario and Sustainable Development
 4. Plenary Session II: Presentation of small group discussion outputs and consensus
 5. Plenary Session 3: Organization of a DAAD Alumni Network for SEA

- **Traditional Medicine and Health Professional Education Forum**
 - Discussion still ongoing

- **Vimolsri Scholarship Fund**
 - Fund: 600,000 Bhat - 450,000 from relatives;
 - Suggestions:
 - Basic education scholarship for marginalized children
 - Research grants (small)
 - Post graduate
 - Exchange program

Updates from Dr. Pratap:

- **SEA-EU NET SEAMEO Experts Round table on AMR just finished (10-12 May 2016, Hanoi)**
 - TROPMED co-organizer
 - Opportunities; students and research staff can apply for grants
 - Details of opportunities to be given later e.g. Fleming Funds ; France
 - TROPMED Centres must participate and get involve in AMR. There are different aspects where the Centres can focus: environment; social factors; diagnostic facilities/tools (LONGITUDE PRIZE website); surveillance of resistance in animals; transmission ; use of antibiotics in agriculture
 - WHO Declaration of “Post antibiotic era”

- **DENGUE Vaccine Initiative in KL June 2016**
 - Dr. Pratap to attend
 - 10 countries in Phase 3 ; Sanofi Vaccine- efficacy – 60%; rec. for use for children ages 9-45; 3 doses; efficacy depends on serotype (Dengue 2 – least effective)
 - Can prevent hospitalization up to 85%

- **Dr. Pratap is the Chair of the WHO SEARO Research and Development Group**

- **APSED -Bi-regional Meeting in Manila**
 - Preparation of 3rd version; one of the components is Capacity Building (short and specific courses)

- **Zika virus – is it present in SEA?**
 - **More funding on Zika virus**
 - **Suggestion for TROPMED to get involve in Zika virus research**
 - **WHO recommendation: should look not for individual disease but for *Aedes* borne diseases; also *albopictus*- borne**
 - **Area of research : transmission**
 - **Funding is available**

- **11 cases of yellow fever now in China**

 **General Suggestions:**

TROPMED Centres should start thinking of:

- New opportunities for research and capacity building activities in health development (SDG #3)
- Internal Capacity of Centres to undertake activities in these areas of concern

 **GBM 2016 -**

- 31st August 2016
- Amari Watergate Hotel
- No symposium since this is back-to-back with the Anniversary Symposium

Meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.