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# DEAN'S FOREWORD



**Prof. Dr. Yaowalark Sukthana**

It has now been about one and a half years since I and the new Executive Team took over the helm at the Faculty. It has been a very busy and eventful year, and I am proud of our achievements so far. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all Faculty staff and partners for their hard work and support over the past twelve months. The first year for any executive team consists of a settling-in period, where we familiarize ourselves with the routines. An important goal for our first year was to formulate our strategic vision for the Faculty, and more importantly to start applying it to our daily activities. I am very happy with the result, in which our vision of becoming a world leader in tropical medicine will be implemented through the 8 Pillars of TROPICAL Excellence.

I am convinced that the best way to be successful is through openness and communication, and I have strived to encourage and enable an open dialog at all levels of the Faculty since starting in my role. Every three months, I host 'Meet the Dean' sessions – open forums where everybody has the opportunity to bring up questions, suggestions, and concerns. Departments have also set up monthly meetings to give all staff a channel through which to voice their opinions, and receive updates about the Faculty. This has already resulted in valuable suggestions about areas that need improvement.

Looking back over the past year, it is clear that we are heading in the right direction towards our vision

of becoming a world leader in tropical medicine. In terms of research, the Faculty has had an excellent year. With over 2 papers per researcher per year, we are the most productive Faculty at Mahidol University, and not far behind the world's leading institutions. Research is not about quantity, however – quality and impact are far more important – and in this respect, too, we have had an excellent year. Over half of our publications were published in Q1 journals, and < 10% in Q3 and Q4. The importance of our research is also reflected in the record amount of international funding the Faculty attracted during the past year, and by the record attendance at the Joint International Tropical Medicine Meeting 2013.

In terms of education, the Bangkok School of Tropical Medicine has continued its excellent teaching quality, and the past year also saw the first round of the Diploma course and M.Sc. degree in Biomedical and Health Informatics. We developed these new courses to reflect the changing nature of health services, and the growing importance of information systems in health management, and we are delighted by the high level of interest in them. Next year, the School will continue innovating by introducing another new program, this time in School Health. The popularity and recognition of the Bangkok School of Tropical Medicine has continued to grow, and last year 50% of our students were from outside Thailand, cementing the School's role as ASEAN's nerve-centre for tropical medicine education.

“ The Hospital for Tropical Diseases has also had a very successful year – in April 2013, it completed the move into the new Hospital building ”



The Hospital for Tropical Diseases has also had a very successful year – in April 2013, it completed the move into the new Hospital building, and in February 2014 it was formally awarded Hospital Accreditation (HA), in recognition of its excellent quality of care. The new facilities allow the Hospital to provide even better care to patients as well as elderly care, and house state-of-the-art laboratories that support our researchers' and students' performance. This June, the hospital will start the world's first residency training in travel medicine, a discipline of rapidly growing importance in today's globalized world.

Looking forward, it is important not to become complacent because of our success to date. Many challenges remain, and despite advances in treatments, many still suffer from tropical diseases. Health needs are constantly changing and we must adapt to them. Treatments that were effective in the past will not remain so forever, as growing artemisinin and multi-drug resistance in malaria parasites shows. The movement and travel enabled by modern society results in an unprecedented spread of pathogens, and also gives rise to new problems, such as lifestyle diseases and societal aging. Our research, education, and clinical services must be responsive to these changes, and this brings us back to the importance of openness, dialog, and collaboration – the best tools to ensure continuous improvement.

Our achievements over the past 12 months have clearly shown that the Faculty is moving in the right direction. The Faculty's unique combination of geographical location, facilities, and expertise, all enable us to be a world leader in our field. I believe that the most crucial component in achieving this goal is the human one. The ongoing hard work of all members of the Faculty will see us continue to improve on our high quality research, education & training, and healthcare, and allow us to achieve our goal, to become, and to remain, a World Leader in Tropical Medicine.



*A 'Meet the Dean' session, where staff and students are able to raise questions and comments in an open environment.*

# TROPMED Strategic Plan

The Faculty's new strategic vision, to be a world leader in tropical medicine, will be achieved by focusing on the following eight key strategic areas:

## T EACHING EXCELLENCE

The Faculty aims to make the Mahidol Bangkok School of Tropical Medicine one of the top three tropical medicine schools in the world, by further improving its teaching quality and providing courses and curricula that reflect the ground-breaking research conducted by the Faculty's researchers.

## R ESEARCH AND INNOVATION EXCELLENCE

The Faculty is a key driver in tropical medicine research in the ASEAN region, and will strive to continue pushing the boundaries of knowledge even further, with the goal of being one of the top five tropical medicine research faculties. This will be achieved by further increasing our number of publications and their impact.

## O UTSTANDING CLINICAL OUTCOME

This year, the Hospital for Tropical Diseases has moved to the new Rajanakarin Building, been awarded hospital accreditation, and is about to start a world-first travel medicine residency training. We aim to continue to provide patients with the highest level of care, by offering them the country's leading specialists in tropical medicine, and the most modern facilities and medical equipment available.

## P EOPLE EXCELLENCE

Our people are our most valuable resource. Therefore we want to continue to recruit the best employees at all levels, and in order to attract the top talent we invest heavily in our co-workers' career development and in making their work at the faculty challenging and rewarding.

## INFRASTRUCTURE EXCELLENCE

We are now launching the “TM Green” campaign; by encouraging the habit of reducing, reusing, recycling, and repairing resources in our daily activities at TropMed. This effort is a first step to raise employees’ awareness to maintain a greener environment.

## CUSTOMER AND COMMUNITY SERVICE EXCELLENCE

Openness and transparency are key components in providing this process. We work hard to continuously improve our services, and to adapt to the ever-changing environment we operate in.

## ALLIANCE EXCELLENCE

One of the Faculty’s main strategic advantages is our extensive network of collaborators and partners. We strive to constantly strengthen and expand these connections, by inviting even more guest speakers/lecturers, organizing international visits and conferences, and further integrating our ongoing collaborations with our partner institutions.

## LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT

Effective leadership is a key component to ensure the Faculty’s continued success, and we will invest heavily in developing our faculty’s leadership ability at all levels of the organization. Leadership training is provided to all managers to help them become more effective leaders.

# Administrative Board



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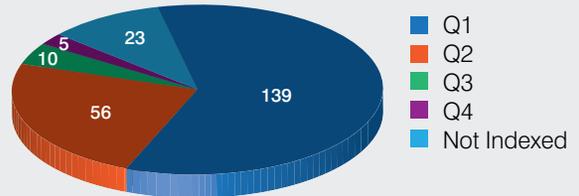
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# Executive Summary

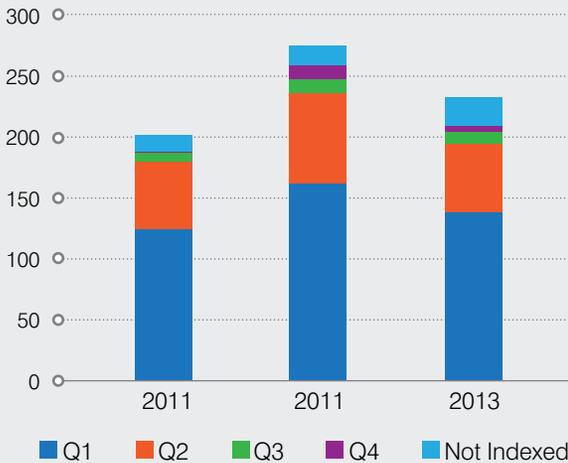
## RESEARCH

Publications in 2013	233
Publications per researcher per year	2.16
Impact Factor average 2008-2012	12.5
International Grant Applications	15
Internationally Funded Projects	6
New projects in 2013	70
Total ongoing projects in 2013	208

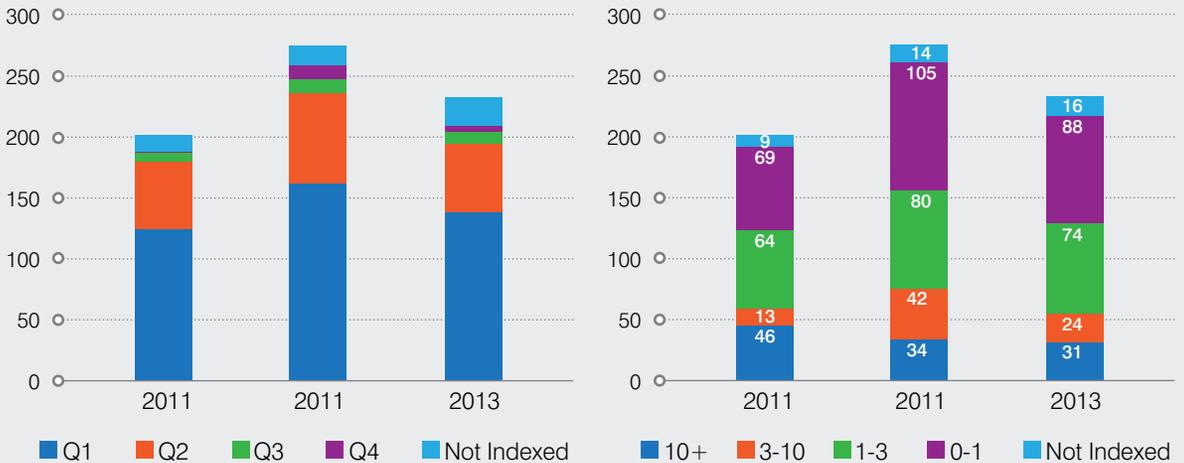
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**FTM Publications in SJR Indicator  
Quartiles from SCOPUS database,  
2011 - 2013**



**FTM Publications according to Impact Factor,  
ISI - WoS, Thomson Reuters,  
2011 - 2013**



Dean Yaowalark Sukthana has set the goal of making the Faculty a world leader in tropical medicine research. One key performance indicator in this area is the quality and quantity of research publications.

In 2013, the average number of papers per academic staff member was 2.16, exceeding the goal set in the TROPICAL excellence plan, and the highest number for any faculty at Mahidol University.

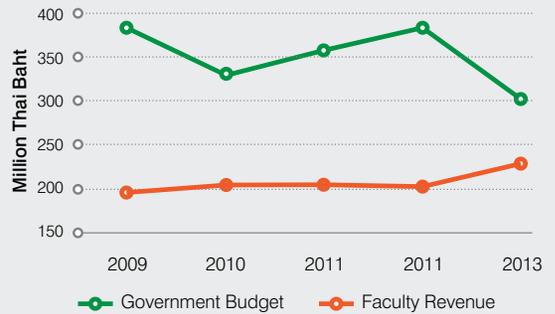
Faculty publications maintain a very high quality standard, as evident when looking at the journals they tend to be published in. About 80% of publications are accepted by Q1 and Q2 ranked journals (SCOPUS journal ranking). This shows that the high volume of publications has not been achieved by compromising standards. These results highlight the positive steps TropMed is taking towards consolidating its position as a world leader in tropical medicine.

# FINANCE

Total Faculty Income



Government Budget and Faculty Revenue, 2009 - 2013



	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Government Budget	385,694,991	329,347,786	357,505,500	384,180,379	302,755,712
Faculty Revenue	196,047,638	204,599,662	205,384,896	202,999,525	229,382,711
<b>Total Faculty Income (Baht)</b>	<b>581,742,629</b>	<b>533,947,448</b>	<b>562,890,396</b>	<b>587,179,904</b>	<b>532,138,423</b>

Research Funding

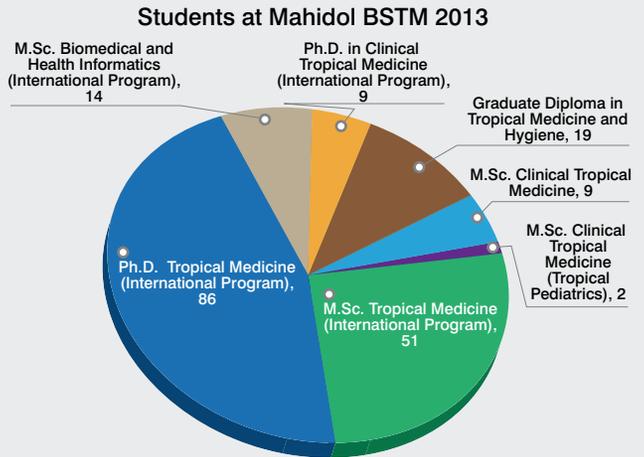
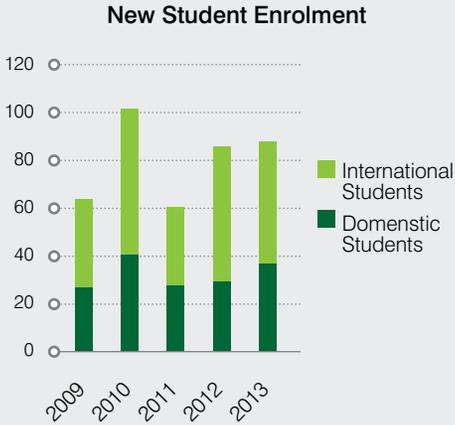


	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Research Funding (Baht)	212,278,024	112,386,000	154,999,850	133,770,229	111,749,030

FTM has continued showing a strong financial performance, despite a significant decrease in government funding during 2013. In response, FTM has increased Faculty revenues by providing services to public and private institutions, and with these set to increase further, the goal is to make the Faculty more financially independent. Research funding has remained fairly constant; it is spread among 70 new projects, now part of 208 ongoing research projects at the Faculty. Notably, of 15 international grant applications submitted, Faculty researchers obtained 6 – a success-rate of 40%.

## EDUCATION

With the creation of 2 new courses and the high quality of teaching, the curricula at FTM cover an increasingly diverse area. The student cohort has reported positive working relationships with lecturers, and greatly value the opportunities afforded by the close proximity to the recently completed building housing the Hospital for Tropical Diseases. The numbers of student enrollments have increased over the previous year.



## HEALTH SERVICES

Disease	Outpatient cases
1. Dermatitis	4,117
2. Hepatitis	1,790
3. Parasitic diseases	401
4. Diarrhea	7
5. Fever of unknown cause	306
6. Pulmonary tuberculosis	112
7. HIV infection	167
8. Malaria	51
9. Dengue	308
10. Various parasitic diseases	57

Disease	Inpatient cases
1. Dengue	689
2. Malaria: vivax species	91
3. Malaria: falciparum species	50
4. Diarrhea	118
5. Pneumonia	162
6. Fever of unknown cause	46
7. Pulmonary tuberculosis	36
8. HIV infection	44
9. Rickettsial infection	8
10. Scrub typhus	15

The Hospital for Tropical Diseases continues its strong reputation of providing excellent treatments for the tropical diseases. The tables above show the top ten most common diseases at the hospital. A notable statistic is the high number of dengue cases: with 689 inpatient and 308 outpatient cases in 2013, it has become a key health challenge for the region. In 2012, these figures showed only 297 dengue inpatient cases, and 148 outpatient cases.

## INFRASTRUCTURE

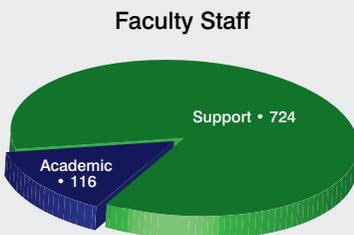
The TropMed campus is continually undergoing improvements to benefit students, staff, and the public. The most significant change in this area in 2013 was the opening of the Hospital for Tropical Diseases, in the Rajanagarindra Building. This facility provides 250 patient beds, and includes many specialized services (for more details, see page 48).

The Faculty is committed to becoming a more environmentally friendly and sustainable institution, and is doing so through the committee on energy conservation and the environment. So far, more green spaces have been installed on campus, in addition to awareness programs and reports into energy usage. Several energy-saving measures are being implemented, and their effectiveness is being monitored to achieve measurable targets.

FTM invested heavily in its IT systems in 2013. Internet access has been expanded dramatically through collaboration with local mobile providers, resulting in many new WiFi hotspots around campus. When it comes to hardware, the Faculty has implemented a decentralized procurement system, allowing departments more flexibility to obtain the equipment they need, more quickly. To support the increased IT access, the Faculty has provided IT training to staff at all levels.

## HUMAN RESOURCES

### Academic Staff



Position	Ph.D./ Equivalent	Master	Grand Total
Professor	7		7
Associate Professor	24	2	26
Assistant Professor	25	1	26
Lecturer	46	4	50
Scientist Level 1	7		7
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>116</b>

The Faculty's TROPICAL excellence plan states that 'people are our most valuable resource', which is evident when looking at HR. The faculty has invested in this important area by employing a total of 840 staff in 2013, a 3.3% increase on the previous year. Of these staff, 13.8% are academic while 86.2% are support staff. Both these groups have the opportunity for professional development. For academic staff, events for younger members on career path and advancement have been popular. Support staff have attended many different seminars and events, helping them to develop specific skills to improve their performance.

# Departmental Research at FTM



The Faculty of Tropical Medicine is divided into eleven specialized departments, focusing on different areas and disciplines related to tropical medicine. Each department has three main areas of responsibilities – research, education, and services, and their activities are thus centered on these in different configurations. This broad set of disciplines allows the Faculty as a whole to undertake activities in all areas of tropical medicine, where cross-disciplinary, collaborative research both within the faculty and with outside partners is the norm. The link between research, education, and services further means that FTM students and the public can make the most of up-to-date knowledge and discoveries.

## CLINICAL TROPICAL MEDICINE

One of the oldest departments at FTM, the Department of Clinical Tropical Medicine was founded in 1960 by Professor Emeritus Khunying Tranakchit Harinasuta. It conducts clinical research, education and training, and has published over 1,000 academic papers. Much of its current research focuses on vaccine development. It offers 6 different courses at both undergraduate and post-graduate level. The department is heavily involved with running the Hospital for Tropical Diseases, where it helps to provide advanced clinical care in tropical medicine.



*Prof. Punnee Pitisuttithum, Director*

## HELMINTHOLOGY

The Department of Helminthology was established in 1960 by Professor Emeritus Suvajara Vajarasthira, and is active in the teaching, training, services and research into medically important helminths. The Department is currently conducting research into a wide range of parasites, and offers three international postgraduate courses. Shorter 3-day courses on identification and diagnosis are also available. The Department has a wealth of related information, including preserved specimens and leaflets available to the public.



*Assoc. Prof. Chalit Komalamisra, Head*

## MEDICAL ENTOMOLOGY

One of the five original departments at FTM, Medical Entomology (ME) is active in research, education and public service. In addition to providing subjects in the international D.T.M & H., masters and Ph.D. programs. ME maintains a Mosquito Museum to engage and educate the public, and can also run training courses on medically significant insect species. The Department conducts research into different tropical disease vectors, centered on mosquito species. A specialized laboratory has populations of different mosquitos and other species for research and educational purposes.



*Assoc. Prof. Chamnarn Apiwathnasorn, Head*

## MICROBIOLOGY AND IMMUNOLOGY

Established in 1966, the Department of Microbiology and Immunology is engaged in research, education and diagnostic services. Staff and students study a range of bacterial, parasitic and viral infections, while also looking at the body's immunological response to them. Work conducted by the Department has been utilized in both diagnosing and treating tropical infections. The Department also runs a diagnostic service, and can identify a wide range of tropical pathogens.



*Asst. Prof. Yuvadee Mahakunkijcharoen, Head*

## MOLECULAR TROPICAL MEDICINE AND GENETICS



*Prof. Songsak Petmitr, Head*

Established in 2010, the Department of Molecular Tropical Medicine and Genetics focuses on bioinformatics, genomics and proteomics for a wide range of diseases. Topics covered by departmental research include cancers, tropical parasites, molecular diagnosis and immunotherapy. The Department teaches in masters and Ph.D. programs, as well as short courses on current research and findings in the area. It works closely with the Hospital for Tropical Diseases, and regularly publishes papers in various journals.

## PROTOZOLOGY



*Assoc. Prof. Pornthip Petmitr, Head*

Established in 1960, the Department of Protozoology is concerned with teaching, training, research and services relevant to medically important protozoa. The Department runs subjects in the D.T.M. & H. graduate diploma course, and master and Ph.D. programs. There are also 2-day courses on making various diagnoses for medical professionals. A wide range of research is carried out, from genetics to the ultrastructure of pathogenic protozoans. The Department also works closely with the Hospital for Tropical Diseases to diagnose many different protozoal diseases.

## SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL MEDICINE



*Assoc. Prof. Kamolnetr Okanurak, Head*

This Department, formally founded in 1994, specializes in three broad areas of research: 1) social medicine, which includes health behavior and medical anthropology; 2) environmental health, including toxicology, environmental biotechnology, and the Center for Environmental Health Impact Assessment Studies; and 3) Malacology, housing the Mollusk Museum of the Southeast Asian Center for Medical Malacology. The Department has a multidisciplinary focus, with research ranging from field investigations to lab-based biotechnology, environmental epidemiology, and antibody development. Its studies have contributed to disease prevention and control, risk assessment and forecasting.

## TROPICAL HYGIENE

The Department of Tropical Hygiene is one of the original units of the Faculty, founded in 1960, and has functioned as a separate department since 1974. Its research activities mainly consist of epidemiological research related to public health problems among rural populations in Thailand. To this end, the Department has developed Geographic Information Systems (GIS), and many

of its researchers are closely tied to BIOPHICS, specializing in data analysis and statistical modeling. Due to the highly specialized knowledge held by this Department, it provides many external organizations with training in these fields. Its findings are often used by the Thai Ministry of Public Health to support policy decisions, and its Rajanagarindra field research center also provides free health services to rural populations in the malaria-endemic region along the Thai-Myanmar border.



*Prof. Srivicha Krudsood, Head*

## TROPICAL NUTRITION AND FOOD SCIENCE

Established in 1966, the Department of Tropical Nutrition and Food Science specializes in two main fields. When it comes to nutrition, research includes a range of areas, from malnutrition to obesity, as well as coronary heart disease, dyslipidemia, and the effects of natural treatments from medicinal plants. Food science research mainly takes a microbiological approach, and investigates probiotics, and glycosidase enzymes, which are extensively used in agriculture and the food industry. In addition to research, the Department provides training courses to vulnerable populations, nutritionists, and nurses, and has the only laboratory in Thailand that can determine vitamin levels (B1, B2) in serum and red blood cells.



*Asst. Prof. Dumrongkiet Arthan, Head*

## TROPICAL PATHOLOGY

The Department of Tropical Pathology is sub-divided into three units--diagnostic pathology, electron microscopy, and tissue culture and immunocytochemistry. The Department is renowned for its knowledge in histopathology, and supports clinicians at the Hospital for Tropical Diseases with particularly challenging diagnoses. Through the electron microscopy unit it also provides structural microscopy analysis and training, and offers particular expertise in the pathogenesis of severe malaria, cytokine involvement and cell signaling in severe malaria. The unit also has state-of-the-art electron microscopes, providing both TEM and SEM facilities for researchers and students.



*Asst. Prof. Urai Chaisri, Head*

## TROPICAL PEDIATRICS

The Department of Tropical Pediatrics was founded in 1974. It conducts research in the broad area of tropical pediatrics, with particular focus on vaccine trials for dengue, influenza, Japanese encephalitis, and rabies. The Department also conducts some epidemiological research, and research on intestinal parasites. The Department provides medical services through the Hospital for Tropical Diseases, located on the FTM campus. Staff conduct both inpatient and outpatient care services for general pediatrics and tropical infectious diseases among children at the Hospital, and provide medical consultation services related to tropical pediatrics to both local and international clinical staff.



*Assoc. Prof. Chukiatt Sirivichayakul, Head*

# Centers of Excellence



Centers of Excellence at the Faculty are highly specialized research units that drive research in their respective fields. They are different from Departments, in that they are solely responsible for research (whereas departmental responsibilities include teaching and services). These units often drive research in their respective fields, and work closely with policy makers and collaborators on groundbreaking projects.

## CENTER OF EXCELLENCE FOR BIOMEDICAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH INFORMATICS (BIOPHICS)

BIOPHICS is one of the Faculty's most service-focused Centers of Excellence. Its goals are to provide the public with quality health informatics through teaching and reaching; the unit provides a range of development, management, and consulting services to both private and public organizations in Thailand and beyond. BIOPHICS manages databases for several large clinical trials, as well as the national electronic malaria information system (eMIS), as well as other large-scale health-informatics initiatives, and is a key player in monitoring the spread of various diseases in Thailand.



Assoc. Prof. Jaranit Kaewkungwal,  
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## CENTER OF EXCELLENCE FOR ANTIBODY RESEARCH (CEAR)

CEAR was launched in 2009 to promote and increase discovery research at the Faculty of Tropical Medicine, and despite the unit's young age it is conducting some of the most high-profile research at the Faculty today. The human monoclonal antibodies (MAbs) developed by CEAR have been shown to neutralize all four serotypes of dengue *in vitro* and *in vivo*. These findings have resulted in a range of patents, and the head of the center, Assoc. Prof. Pongrama Ramasoota, was awarded the Outstanding Research Award from the National Research Council of Thailand for their pioneering work. The Center's research extends beyond dengue, and researchers have developed MAbs that can be used in the rapid diagnosis of influenza, leptospirosis, and foot-and-mouth disease.



Assoc. Prof. Pongrama  
Ramasoota,  
Director

## MAHIDOL VIVAX RESEARCH UNIT (MVRU)

MVRU is another 'young' Center of Excellence at the Faculty, established in 2011. Run by Dr. Jetsumon Prachumsri, the unit focuses on the biology of malaria-parasite transmission, including mosquito and human liver stages. The Unit has access to the full malaria life cycle through its insectary, humanized mice containing liver-stage infections, as well as human patients at the Hospital for Tropical Diseases on campus. Together with the world-class expertise of the unit's researchers, MVRU is one of the only centers in the world with the unique combination of expertise, equipment, and access to the entire life-cycle of the malaria parasites, allowing it to undertake cutting-edge research into areas such as transmission-blocking vaccines, transcriptome and proteomic studies of *P. vivax* sporozoites and liver-stage parasites, and the study of *P. vivax* liver-stage biology.



Dr. Jetsumon Prachumsri,  
Director

## VACCINE TRIAL CENTER (VTC)

The VTC is a clinical facility at the Faculty, which plans and conducts clinical trials for newly developed vaccines. This service is provided by FTM for many different institutions around the world, in conjunction with the Ministry of Public Health. The VTC carries out very important work, as its unique location at FTM allows it to test potential tropical-disease vaccines in the environment where they would be used. The center's most noteworthy current projects include a phase II trial of a HIV vaccine, an avian flu stockpiling project with WHO, a HPV vaccine trial, and a Phase III dengue vaccine trial.



Prof. Punnee Pititsuttithum,  
Director

# Collaborations



**The** Faculty of Tropical Medicine has a range of collaborative initiatives with both regional and global organizations. These collaborations vary in scope, some are strictly research focused, others provide health and education, and others focus on regional policy development.

## MALARIA CONSORTIUM ASIA

The Malaria Consortium is a leading international NGO dedicated to comprehensive malaria and neglected tropical disease control in Africa and Asia. The Charity has been engaged in programmes in the Greater Mekong Sub region since 2003, setting up offices in Cambodia and Thailand in 2008, and Myanmar in 2013. Activities in Asia aim to deliver sustainable, evidence-based health programmes, with a particular focus on strengthen the monitoring and evaluation capacity of national programmes and partners, operational research, cross-border coordination, resistance containment and working towards elimination.



*Mr. Henry Braun, Director*

## SOUTHEAST ASIAN MINISTERS OF EDUCATION ORGANIZATION (SEAMEO) TROPICAL MEDICINE AND PUBLIC HEALTH (TROPMED) NETWORK

Established in 1966, SEAMEO TROPMED Network is a regional cooperation for education, training and research in tropical medicine and public health under the SEAMEO. The Network is governed by a Board consisting of High Officials representing the 10 Member countries with Associate Professor Dr. Pratap Singhasivanon serving as Secretary General/Coordinator of the Network. There are three Regional Centers in the Network - TROPMED Malaysia, TROPMED Philippines, and TROPMED Thailand at the Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University. The Network Coordinating Office, hosted by the Royal Government of Thailand, is located at the Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University. The Network facilitates and promotes international degree programs via the TROPMED Regional Centres, as well as short courses for health and health-related professionals. A limited number of scholarships are provided by the Network office for these degree programs and short courses. The entire Network also collaborates with development agencies for health development programs and projects.



*Professor Yaowalark Sukthana,  
Director of TROPMED Thailand*

## SILOM COMMUNITY CLINIC AT TROPMED

The Silom Community Clinic recently relocated to the Hospital for Tropical Diseases at FTM. It is a sexual health clinic, specifically for the male homosexual and transgender communities. They provide 30-minute checks for HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases, as well as consultations and treatments for those with different conditions. All services are provided for free, and the clinic operates in a confidential and supportive environment. The clinic is an important partner for future collaborations into sexually transmitted disease (STD) research, and the Faculty is proud to be able to host the clinic in the Hospital for Tropical Diseases.



*Dr. Timothy Holtz, Director*

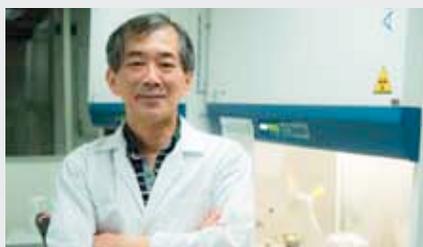
## WORLDWIDE ANTIMALARIAL RESISTANCE NETWORK (WWARN)



*Mr. Jeffery Smith, Director*

WWARN, through its global research network, aims to improve monitoring of antimalarial drug efficacy and identify emerging drug resistance. The Network is working to build capacity to improve clinical research and support malaria control and elimination efforts in Asia and the Pacific. WWARN's Specimen Management Centre archives clinical research samples to aid identification and validation of molecular markers for antimalarial resistance. The regional director, Mr. Jeffery Smith, and the WWARN Asia team, is based at FTM in Bangkok.

## BIKEN-ENDOWED DEPARTMENT OF DENGUE VACCINE DEVELOPMENT (BIKEN)



*Professor Eiji Konishi, Head*

The BIKEN Endowed Department of Dengue Vaccine Development was established as a joint collaboration with Osaka University, with the purpose of basic research to develop a dengue vaccine. This collaboration is supported by an endowment from the BIKEN Foundation, a private pharmaceutical organization, to the BIKEN Institute, a non-profit research organization. The unit is a strictly research-focused collaboration working on a six-year project (currently in its 3rd year). The unit, run by Prof. Eiji Konishi, is developing several types of dengue vaccine candidates that are effective against all four dengue serotypes, including an antibody-expressing vaccine (read more about the project on page 26).

## MAHIDOL-OSAKA CENTER FOR INFECTIOUS DISEASES (MOCID)



*Dr. Tamaki Okabayashi, Head*

MOCID is a collaborative initiative between the Faculty of Tropical Medicine and the Research Institute for Microbial Diseases at Osaka University. It aims to perform basic research in the field of infectious diseases, leading to the development of prophylactic vaccines and therapeutic strategies. The unit's main focus during the past year has been on viral infectious diseases, particularly dengue and chikungunya, and the development of rapid-diagnosis kits to be used in clinical settings. The unit works closely with several departments at the Faculty, such as CEAR, the Department of Medical Entomology and the Department of Microbiology and Immunology.

## MAHIDOL OXFORD TROPICAL MEDICINE RESEARCH UNIT (MORU)



*Professor Nicholas Day, Director*

Established in 1979 with the help of the Wellcome Trust, MORU is one of the Faculty's longest-standing collaborations, and though it remains an independent organization, it is closely integrated within the Faculty. MORU's main office is located at the FTM campus, but the unit has study sites and labs throughout Asia and Africa, from where it conducts research on a wide range of tropical diseases, their spread, and treatment. To read more about MORU, look at the special report on page 43.

# Malaria

Malaria is one of the most challenging problems in global health, with the WHO estimating it caused more than 600,000 deaths in 2012. Because half the world's population is at risk of the disease, research on treatment and prevention is vital. Malaria is caused by protozoan parasites of the genus *Plasmodium*. These parasites are spread by *Anophele* mosquitos. Globally, 41 different *Anopheles* vector species are capable of transmitting malaria, and 4 main *Plasmodium* parasites infect humans -- *P. falciparum*, *P. vivax*, *P. ovale*, and *P. malariae*. The simian parasite, *P. knowlesi*, has also been found occasionally to infect humans. Detection of malaria parasites in an endemic area can be difficult, since the parasites can circulate in the human blood at submicroscopic densities. The limited understanding of parasite biology, challenging logistical issues, and the emergence of drug resistance have together rendered the on-going fight against malaria difficult. FTM has been leading research into the disease in Asia for well over 50 years, and is currently engaged in many projects and collaborations seeking to eliminate malaria. In the period 2009-2013, Mahidol University was ranked 5<sup>th</sup> in the world with regards to publications on malaria research.

Thanks to early detection and improved treatment, our ability to cure malaria has increased considerably over the past decades. While the prevalence rates have declined significantly in many areas, important obstacles remain. One major challenge is the growth of artemisinin resistance, a worrying trend that has been extensively mapped by the Mahidol-Oxford Tropical Medicine Research Unit (MORU) TRAC project (Tracking Resistance to Artemisinin Collaboration). Artemisinin-based drugs, including artemisinin-combination therapies (ACTs) have been key components in the treatment of malaria since the antimalarial properties of the substance (qinghaosu) and its use in combination with other antimalarials were investigated by TropMed researchers. The emergence of drug-resistant strains is increasing the demand for new drugs and methods of stopping the spread of these resistant strains. To tackle this problem effectively, it is necessary to have accurate information about infection rates, access to quick, cheap, and easy-to-use diagnostic tools, and detailed knowledge about the mosquitos that spread the disease.

Research at the Faculty over the past year has been driven by these challenges, and can be grouped into the following main categories:

- Diagnostics and Prognostics
- Treatment/Drug development
- Epidemiology and Informatics
- Vector control

## DIAGNOSTICS AND PROGNOSTICS:

Fast, reliable, and cheap diagnostic methods are crucial to providing reliable epidemiological information and ensuring early treatment, which increases the speed and likelihood of full recovery. Diagnosis can also tell us which type of malaria infection patients have contracted, and the genetic composition of the parasites. This information allows us to develop drugs that target common genetic components, and reveals correlations where certain types of patients tend to contract specific types of infections.

In a study published in 2013, Dr. Mallika Imwong from the Department of Molecular Tropical Medicine and Genetics used microsatellite genotyping to determine genetic variations in *Plasmodium vivax* malaria among pregnant women on the Thai-Myanmar border. Previous studies have found that relapses of *P. vivax* infections in patients from Thailand, Myanmar, and India, are often caused by parasites with a different genotype from the



**Dr. Mallika Imwong has studied the genetics of Plasmodium parasites**

one causing the initial infection. This suggests the heterologous activation of hypnozoites, likely acquired from earlier inoculations. Given the altered immunological and physiological status of pregnant women, it is important to ascertain whether the relapse patterns and genetic diversity of *P. vivax* populations differ between pregnant and non-pregnant patients. The study found very high genetic diversity among *P. vivax* populations in this region, and parasites causing infections in pregnant women tended to be more genetically diverse than those in non-pregnant patients. This could be a result of increased susceptibility to mosquito bite, reduced immunity to infection, and other physiological changes occurring in pregnant women.

A study published by a group from the Department of Tropical Pathology investigated two plasma angiopoietins, Ang -1 and Ang - 2, and their associations with patient outcomes. They reported that although these factors are not the causative agent in severe malaria cases, the level of Ang - 2 and the Ang - 2/Ang - 1 ratio were useful markers in the prognosis of multi-organ dysfunction in severe malaria. This finding will help with the prognosis of severe malaria patients in the future, and could potentially lead to the development of new treatment methods.

The Department of Tropical Pathology has also studied the role of the factor NF - kB p65 in apoptosis in cerebral malaria. One experiment found that NF - kB p65 was a major signaling factor, responsible for apoptosis in brain endothelial cells and intravascular leukocytes. This result opens the way for future investigations into the use of this factor in the diagnosis, prognosis and even the development of potential treatments for the disease.

## **TREATMENT/DRUG DEVELOPMENT:**

The current regimen used to treat malaria cases in Thailand and other countries in the region is heavily based on research studies conducted by Prof. Sornchai Looareesuwan and other malaria scientists at FTM. Artemisinin has been used as a key component in malaria treatment, and indeed the first discovery of effective artemisinin-combination therapy (ACT) was made at the Faculty of Tropical Medicine. One of the biggest challenges in the treatment of malaria today is the emergence of artemisinin-resistant malaria strains, which have been observed in more and more places around the Southeast Asian region. This is worrying, and creates the need for new approaches to treating the disease.

Mapping out this resistance is crucial in order to get an accurate idea of where the problem is most urgent and to be able to respond appropriately. In the forefront of this research is the Mahidol-Oxford Tropical Medicine Research Unit (MORU), one of the Faculty's long-standing collaborations. During 2012-2013, MORU coordinated the TRAC project (Tracking Resistance to Artemisinin Collaboration), a study consisting of 15 sites in 10 countries (in both Asia and Africa), with the goal of mapping the spread and emergence of artemisinin-resistant *P. falciparum* in Southeast Asia and beyond. The study also looked at new *in-vitro* drug sensitivity tests for artemisinin resistance, and provided samples for further detailed molecular studies. The results of this project are currently in the publication process, and a follow-up study is already being planned (TRAC-2), which aims to identify in detail the current distribution boundaries of artemisinin resistance in Southeast Asia. Other than mapping the extent of resistance, MORU researchers have looked at the genetic structures underlying artemisinin resistance in the region, and discovered a molecular marker for artemisinin resistance, paving the way for future drug development as well as novel diagnostic methods.

The Mahidol *Vivax* Research Unit, or MVRU, is a Center of Excellence at the Faculty, specifically focusing on *P. vivax* malaria. Research is conducted on many different aspects of the disease. One project is working towards the long-term continuous culture of the blood-stage *P. vivax* parasite. *P. vivax* is a unique species of malaria that remains dormant in the liver, and can re-emerge years after initial infection. MVRU is studying this liver-stage malaria in humanized mice – i.e. mice that have human liver cells. Researchers are looking at factors that impact parasites in this liver-stage, with the goal of developing a drug that can target them. MVRU is unique, as it has the capacity to study the full life cycle of *P. vivax* parasites. It has the staff, expertise, location, and ready access to parasites and vectors required to study the disease, and with the in vitro culture of human liver cells and humanized mice, they also have the liver-stage of the parasite available at all times. This is a unique situation that does not exist anywhere else in the world.

## EPIDEMIOLOGY AND INFORMATICS

In Thailand, malaria has been reduced significantly, and is currently only endemic in the border regions, primarily on the Thai-Myanmar border. Treatment in these areas is a high priority, and yet remains difficult due to the large proportion of migrant workers and refugees living in inaccessible areas the public-health system struggles to reach. The Faculty has been involved in these areas for a long time, based out of the Tropical Diseases Research Center (TDRC) in Kanchanaburi Province, and the Rajanagarindra Tropical Disease International Center (RTIC) in Ratchaburi Province (read more about these on page 48). These centers are run by FTM and serve as labs for the Faculty's researchers, field training sites, as well as clinics that provide healthcare services for the local population.

The TDRC in Kanchanaburi, and RTIC in Ratchaburi, have served as the Faculty's primary field centers for epidemiological research over the past years, thanks to a study conducted by the Department of Tropical Hygiene. Teams at TDRC and RTIC have been conducting several studies, particularly statistical modeling and mathematical modeling of malaria epidemiology along the border. With expertise in geographical information system (GIS) and remote sensing techniques, the team has also performed spatial-temporal analysis of the disease in the two provinces and beyond. Over the past few years, the RTIC team has established malaria health volunteers using a community empowerment approach, which has been successful in reducing cases and raising awareness about protection measures in the communities. The successful implementation of this approach means that it could be expanded to other regions.

It was also in Kanchanaburi where the Center of Excellence for Biomedical and Public Health Informatics (BIOPHICS) started the Electronic Malaria Information System (eMIS), in 2008. BIOPHICS obtained a small grant from "Microsoft Research" to use cell phones to monitor malaria case management in remote regions, and the project started as a proof-of-concept in Kanchanaburi Province. The proof-of-concept proved very successful, and over the next few years expanded to cover 7 provinces along the Thai-Cambodian border. BIOPHICS started collaborating with the Thai Ministry of Public Health, and received funding from both the WHO and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF). By the end of 2011, the project covered all endemic provinces in Thailand, and is an integral component in the national malaria elimination program. eMIS



Anopheline mosquitos mating at MVRU

uses an online database that is accessed by healthcare staff through mobile phones with geo-tagging capabilities. When data about malaria-infected cases are entered into the system, an automatic follow-up schedule is generated for each specific type of malaria. The system allows medical staff to collect data on the spot, providing real-time evidence-based information to the central database, which gives a much more accurate picture of infection-rates. This can be used by policy-makers to make informed analyses and help in decision-making when taking preventive and control measures at outbreak locations. eMIS is now a national system for malaria information. The program is currently being adopted by the Bhutan Ministry of Health to serve as a foundation for their malaria and febrile cases information system.

## VECTOR CONTROL:

Malaria is spread by the *Anopheles* mosquito, and understanding its life-cycle increases our ability to effectively control the spread of malaria. Researchers at the Faculty's Department of Entomology have been tracking and monitoring mosquito activities in the border regions of Thailand-Myanmar and Thailand-Cambodia, cataloging and mapping mosquito behavior. One part of this mapping effort has focused on tracking different mosquito species, as different species are susceptible to different malaria parasites, and are also sensitive to different insecticides. Understanding the relationship between mosquito and parasite can help us develop drugs or insecticides that prevent the spread of infection. Another focus is to look at mosquito targets, as this also affects the spread of the disease. If we know that certain types of mosquitos favor cattle, humans, or other targets, we are able to develop more effective measures in controlling their ability to spread the disease. Therefore, ongoing monitoring efforts are conducted by the Faculty's entomologists to monitor mosquito species distribution. This is done in cooperation with several institutes, such as Chiang Mai University, which has an extensive taxonomy database of mosquito species, the Mahidol Vivax Research Unit, which runs an insectary at the Faculty's Bangkok Campus, and the University of Wisconsin, which provides consultancy support through their researchers. One of the goals of this project is to develop a molecular technique to determine mosquito species based on the bite.

The Mahidol Vivax Research Unit is also running trials into the efficacy of transmission-blocking vaccines. This work is aided by the Kanchanaburi Research Center, and aims to evaluate the effectiveness of vaccines *ex vivo*, before further trials are carried out on potential human vaccines. A successful blocking vaccine would 'infect' the mosquito with antibodies that prevent the parasite from surviving in the mosquito midgut, meaning that human-to-human transmission rates via mosquito bite would decrease dramatically.

Once a mosquito bites a human with this kind of vaccine, it should not be able to pass on the parasites to others. This is a unique project that, if successful, could reduce infection rates considerably.

The challenges to controlling and eradicating malaria from the globe are large and complex. To achieve these goals, the world will need to act in multifaceted ways, and in a coordinated and efficient fashion. The many different studies and ongoing work at FTM are a good example of the type of diverse approaches and collaborations that will be required into the future. The Faculty's history of groundbreaking research and its current activities mean it is well placed to continue to lead the fight against malaria in Asia.



Culturing *P. vivax* parasites at MVRU

# Dengue

Dengue fever (DF), and its severe clinical manifestations, dengue hemorrhagic fever (DHF) and dengue shock syndrome (DSS), are caused by the dengue virus (DENV), which is endemic in most tropical countries. It has emerged as a major global public health problem because of the increased potential for vector breeding, and the growth of urban centers, which put a severe strain on public services. The disease is endemic in over 100 countries, and around 2.5 billion people are at risk, mainly in tropical and sub-tropical regions. The WHO estimates that between 50-100 million DF infections occur every year, with about 500,000 resulting in DHF. With an average DHF case-fatality rate of 2.5-5%, even with appropriate supportive treatment, it makes the disease a significant cause of childhood mortality in several Asian countries. The virus can be divided into 4 serotypes that infect humans (DENV1-4); it has been found that infection and immunity against one of the 4 serotypes can result in increased disease severity in a secondary infection with a different serotype. This poses a big challenge to the development of treatments and vaccines.

Indeed, there is still no vaccine to prevent infection, and no antiviral drug to treat infection, so a large part of dengue research is focused on these crucial aspects of the disease. Since reliable treatment is still unavailable, prevention through vector control and effective diagnosis have become all the more important, as early detection and access to proper medical care lowers fatality rates below 1%. Due to steadily rising infection rates, the disease has attracted more research attention, and today the Faculty of Tropical Medicine is one of the world's leaders in dengue research. The research conducted on the disease at FTM can broadly be divided into the following categories: Vaccine development; Epidemiology and informatics; Vector control; Diagnosis; Therapeutics

## VACCINE DEVELOPMENT

The search for a vaccine against dengue has been a great challenge to researchers for over 4 decades, and despite much research in the area there is no successful vaccine on the market today. Unlike other flaviviruses, dengue has 4 serotypes, and secondary infection with a different serotype significantly increases the risk of severe disease, such as dengue hemorrhagic fever. Therefore, a successful vaccine must be equally effective against all serotypes. Another big obstacle is the lack of tenable animal models to conduct trials on, slowing progress considerably.

In a recently published article from the Department of Tropical Pediatrics, with colleagues from the Center of Vaccine Development, Mahidol University, researchers found that the challenges may be bigger than previously thought. They discovered that the correlation between the presence of dengue-neutralizing antibodies, as determined by the plaque reduction neutralization test (PRNT), and protection from infection, is not absolute. 48 subjects in Ratchaburi Province, Thailand, who had contracted symptomatic dengue infection, underwent PRNT to measure their pre-illness level of dengue-neutralizing antibodies. For dengue, and other flaviviruses like Japanese encephalitis, a PRNT50 titer of >10 is considered protective. This study found that 9 of the cases had a high level of pre-existing antibodies (titer >90) against the specific serotype they were infected with, indicating that high levels of pre-existing antibodies do not guarantee immunity from infection. This is very important, since PRNT titer is considered a key marker of protection in the development of dengue vaccines. Though a larger study is required before definite conclusions can be drawn, these findings raise important questions about the definition of protective levels of PRNT50 titers for dengue infection, and poses new challenges for vaccine development.

Researchers at the Faculty of Tropical Medicine are currently working together with the Sanofi Pasteur



Some of the dengue vaccine researchers at FTM

Company on a 2<sup>nd</sup> generation tetravalent dengue vaccine efficacy trial, currently in the 3<sup>rd</sup> phase of clinical trials. The candidate is a live attenuated dengue vaccine expressing pre-membrane (prM) and envelope (E) proteins of each dengue serotype, in which genes have been inserted in place of the corresponding genes of the previous generation YF 17D vaccine. The study is taking place in Ratchaburi Province, where dengue is highly endemic.

The BIKEN Endowed Department of Dengue Vaccine Development at FTM, led by Prof. Eiji Konishi, is taking an innovative approach to dengue-vaccine development. Traditionally, preventive measures except for vector control can be divided into two categories – ‘vaccines’ which provide active immunizations that are long-lasting at the cost of having a slower effect, and ‘antisera’, which provide passive immunization that are quick-acting but only last shorter periods of time. Prof. Konishi’s team is working on an antibody-expressing vaccine that uses the strengths of both vaccines and antisera – to make a vaccine that is quick-acting and long-lasting. The goal is to transfect the antibody-expressing gene from B-cells into human cells, giving them the capability to produce virus-neutralizing antibodies. One problem is that the gene that has the capability of expressing the necessary antibody has a region that may cause enhancement of virus infection, so researchers need to modify this gene region to remove its enhancing ability. This work has been performed as a collaboration with CEAR (Center of Excellence for Antibody Research) directed by Assoc. Prof. Pongrama Ramasoota. The method has already encountered some success when tested in mice, and although it still requires more work, it is an exciting and unique approach with great potential.

## EPIDEMIOLOGY

Dengue is endemic throughout Thailand, and it is estimated that the Asia-Pacific region has > 70% of the worldwide dengue disease burden. It is difficult to predict the severity of outbreaks as infections depend on the vectors’ ability to reproduce and reach humans. Therefore, even within the same location, infection

rates can vary significantly over time. 2013 was an unusually challenging year with the highest infection rates in 20 years, highlighting the high impact of the disease.

Since rapid detection and treatment are key components of successful clinical outcomes, maintaining an accurate overview of outbreak locations and infection rates is important. FTM is conducting several epidemiological projects in Thailand, working closely with policy makers at the Ministry of Public Health, to increase our understanding of infection patterns and disease spread.

One challenge of reporting dengue infection is that diagnosis must be done in a laboratory setting, and since the main symptom – high fever – is similar to many other diseases, there is a risk for under-reporting dengue infection rates. In 2013, Prof. Punnee Pitisuttithum, from the Department of Clinical Tropical Medicine, co-published an international epidemiological study of acute febrile illness in children in Asia, which examined reported acute febrile illness cases in children. The study confirmed that clinical dengue infection was underdiagnosed, and in some cases misdiagnosed. The study highlights the urgent need for the development of a diagnostic tool that does not require advanced laboratory equipment unavailable in resource-limited settings.

In Bangkok, BIOPHICS has pioneered a system designed to notify of dengue and febrile illness outbreaks in school children, “Digital Disease Detection”. The system will monitor school absenteeism among children in 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Each morning, teachers in the project will collect information about absent students on a tablet computer, and get in touch with parents to enquire whether the student is sick, and whether they have developed a febrile illness. This information will subsequently be used in statistical modelling software to develop an early warning system where unusually high numbers of absentees are reported as a risk index. This project is in its infancy, and currently limited to a select group of Bangkok schools, but if successful, it will expand to cover a larger region.

## VECTOR CONTROL

Dengue is spread by mosquitoes of the species *A. aegypti* and *A. albopictus*, and our understanding about these vectors’ life cycles can improve our ability to limit contact between vectors and humans, by developing effective insecticides or other strategies that prevent infection. The Department of Medical Entomology has conducted various studies over the past year, looking at innovative approaches to manage the vectors’ influence.

One such example is the work of the Department of Medical Entomology, who investigated the effect of insecticide-treated curtains for dengue control in Thailand. Traditional dengue vector control measures tend to focus on immature stages, and when targeting adult populations - insecticide spraying. The problem with insecticide spraying is that its effects tend to be short-lasting, so the group measured the effectiveness of insecticide-treated curtains over time, to determine if infestation rates would be affected, and whether it is a viable vector-control method. Their findings showed that the curtains did not have a noticeable effect on



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**Insectary at the Department of Medical Entomology**

mosquito populations in the houses. Their lack of effect may be partially explained by the housing style common in the study area, where thatch and open houses allow the mosquitoes alternative entry points, limiting the impact of the curtains. This project highlights the difficulties in designing effective vector control that is both long-lasting and practical, and especially the need to tailor vector-control solutions to local environmental conditions.

A novel strategy to vector control was undertaken by Dr. Morales Vargas at the Department of Medical Entomology, who together with Japanese and Malaysian research groups investigated the indirect effects of cigarette-butt waste on *Aedes aegypti*. This study investigated what exposure to one of the most abundant pieces of waste on the planet – cigarette butts – does to the most common dengue vector. Interestingly, they found that pregnant female mosquitoes were attracted to environments with cigarette butts, and preferred to lay their eggs there. Larvae from eggs maturing in this environment subsequently had a shorter life-span and lower fecundity than mosquitoes from the control group. This suggests that there is certainly potential in using cigarette butts in vector control strategies; however their adverse effects on humans and other non-target organisms need to be further investigated.

## DIAGNOSIS

As mentioned previously, accurate diagnosis of dengue infection can only be done at laboratories, and the symptoms can be difficult to distinguish from other diseases, leading to problems of under-reporting and misdiagnosis.

A recent study published by a team of researchers from MORU, the Department of Tropical Hygiene and the Department of Clinical Tropical Medicine, found that accurate diagnosis is also even more difficult than previously thought. There are two highly accurate methods of diagnosing dengue – detecting viral presence by viral isolation, or detecting antibody presence using haemagglutination inhibition (HAI). There are other diagnostic methods too, but these methods have been considered extremely accurate, and though they are rarely used since they are very time-consuming and difficult, they are considered the gold standard against which other diagnostic tools are often compared against. The study group analysed the accuracy of these gold standard methods using Bayesian latent class models (LCM), a method that does not assume that they are perfect diagnostic indicators. Their findings show that the true sensitivity of the group's reference assays was as low as 62% when using Bayesian LCM. Because these gold standard methods are often used to measure the effectiveness of new diagnostic tests, these results have a large impact. The research suggests that a combination of clinical diagnostic methods and statistical models such as Bayesian LCM could offer increased specificity and sensitivity of dengue diagnosis.

A different approach to effective diagnosis is being undertaken by researchers from the Mahidol-Osaka Center for Infectious Diseases and the Center of Excellence for Antibody Research (CEAR), who are in the

process of developing a rapid diagnostic kit based on human monoclonal antibodies. Researchers at CEAR have already developed a kit that can diagnose and distinguish H5N1 influenza virus from other influenza virus using monoclonal antibodies, and the same method is being developed for dengue. The goal is to develop a simple diagnostic kit that provides quick and accurate diagnostics in resource-limited areas.

## THERAPEUTICS

There is no effective antiviral drug specifically against dengue infection, although medical care by experienced physicians can decrease mortality rates from approximately 20% to less than 1%. Most treatment is focused on maintaining patients' body fluid volume, but research into antiviral therapeutics is under way. Various departments at the faculty have investigated several avenues into developing more effective therapeutic methods.

Researchers from the Department of Clinical Tropical Medicine looked at factors associated with severe clinical manifestation of dengue in Thai adults, and found that hematocrit  $>2\%$  above the reference range or with an alanine aminotransferase level  $>120\text{IU/l}$  were at increased risk for developing DHF grades II-IV, with severe complications such as plasma leakage with hypotension and shock as a result. Women, and patients with mean arterial pressure of  $<80\text{ mmHg}$  were also at higher risk of severe dengue infection, with severe bleeding as the most common complication. These findings are useful tools to predict risk of severity, and can assist clinicians to prevent and reduce complications in patients.

One of the most important findings from the faculty in 2013 was based on the work led by CEAR and Osaka University, in collaboration with the Department of Social and Environmental Medicine, Tropical Pediatrics, and MOCID, together with several Japanese institutions. This group developed human monoclonal antibodies (HuMAbs) from nine Thai patients with DF and DHF, and isolated antibodies that showed strong viral neutralization activity to all serotypes. They evaluated their effect in vivo on suckling mice and monkeys infected with DENV-2, and found a near perfect ability to prevent both mouse and monkey lethality. These HuMAbs have been shown to be equally effective against all dengue serotypes, making them very promising candidates for therapeutic agents against dengue. Before such conclusions can be drawn, further tests are necessary, but the findings so far are very promising. More information about the work of CEAR can be found on page 39.



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Head of MOCID

# Helminths and Flukes

Thailand has a wide variety of endemic parasites that cause many diseases in humans, livestock, and wildlife. Studying the complex life cycles and pathogenesis of many parasitoses is going to become more complex in the near future, when Thailand becomes part of the ASEAN community in 2015. This will allow people to move within the region more freely, and consequently animals and parasites will become more mobile. Information on the current taxonomy, incidence, and genetics of various parasite populations will be essential for monitoring changes that occur when the ASEAN community is formed. As around 50% of Southeast Asia's population are currently infected with various parasites, closely monitoring the situation and identifying any changes will be imperative to maintaining and improving community health standards. Several Departments at the Faculty are actively involved in research and treatments for parasitoses, including the Department of Helminthology, the Department of Tropical Pediatrics, the Department of Protozoology, and the Department of Clinical Tropical Medicine. The Department of Helminthology also runs education and diagnostic services.

Research into parasites at FTM covers many different aspects. Several studies from 2013 looked at parasite population genetics, which provided valuable information about the pathogens. One publication reported that isolated *Haplorchis taichui* intestinal fluke populations showed genetic differences from each other, indicating inbreeding depression, which may be significant in developing specific treatments for different regions. A collaboration between the Departments of Helminthology and Protozoology investigated *Enterocytozoon bieneusi*, revealing populations with genotypes that suggested zoonotic transmission potential. These findings help improve our overall understanding of medically important parasites, and elucidate possible advances in their diagnosis and treatment.

Epidemiology in helminthic infections is also being investigated. One study identified common clinical features of *Trichostrongylus* infections, and identified the regular consumption of fresh vegetables, not washing hands, and living in proximity to cattle, as factors that increased its incidence. A collaboration between the Department of Helminthology and groups in Spain and France reported the prevalence of the spirurid Nematode *Physaloptera ngoci* in murine species along the Mekong River. This study also provided morphological and biogeographical data on the nematode. Another project, run by the Department of Social and Environmental Medicine, located and characterized populations of the blood fluke *Schistosoma mekongi*'s snail host species, also along the Mekong. These studies all help provide more comprehensive background knowledge on their respective diseases.



A blood fluke of the genus *Schistosoma*

Research topics have also covered diagnostic methods and interactions between helminthiases and other medical conditions. The Departments of Clinical Tropical Medicine and Helminthology developed a novel test for gnathostomiasis infections, using skin testing to detect fractionated *G. spinigerum* antigens. Research into helminth interactions found that some *Trichinella* species actually decrease the severity of colitis in mice. This finding suggests that the nematode species could be used as a treatment for this condition. A literature review produced by the Department of Tropical Pediatrics identified several trends between helminth infections and allergies in children.

In summary, the research into parasitoses occurring at FTM helps our understanding of the diseases in many different ways, as well as contributing to other fields. Improving our understanding of species' distributions and infection prevalence will help us diagnose and treat diseases better, as well as monitor changes that will occur in the near future with the creation of the ASEAN region. Studies have also indicated the potential use of helminths as treatments for separate conditions, a good example of the value of continued scientific research in this area.

As well as conducting research, the Department of Helminthology provides many other services to the public. The Department runs a database on helminths found in Thailand, and can provide information about these to the public on request. They are able to identify helminths and diagnose different diseases using a variety of methods. A large selection of preserved worms and prepared microscope slides for educational purposes are available for sale, while others can be loaned out for exhibitions or displays.

The Department also runs professional development courses. These include an annual regional training course, which educates people on measures to limit the spread of soil-transmitted helminthiases, and is suitable for regional health workers. Courses are also run on Practical and Clinical Parasitology, where hospital staff can gain experience identifying organisms and diagnosing infections. Other training opportunities are available upon request. The Head of the Helminthology Department, Associate Professor Chalit Komalamisra, is very proud of the Department's work in the field. 'Our commitment to different areas of study, such as taxonomy, epidemiology, diagnosis and molecular biology, as well as the Department's work in education and health services, means that we are well positioned to face the challenges ahead of us in the future.'

Although the creation of the ASEAN region will bring challenges in terms of parasite transmission and control, there are also opportunities. FTM's collaborations with regional partners mean that it will be able effectively to share knowledge on diagnosis and treatment for various endemic parasites, while also being able to quickly learn how to treat new diseases from other regions. The Faculty's ongoing research into better understanding, treatment and prevention of parasitoses will continue to benefit many people in Thailand and throughout the ASEAN region.





# Tropical Disease Research Centre (TDRC) Kanchanaburi: Special Focus

## THE TROPICAL DISEASE RESEARCH CENTER, LOCATED IN KANCHANABURI

One of the biggest difficulties with studying and treating tropical diseases is that they often have the heaviest impact on rural and remote, relatively inaccessible populations. Reaching these endemic areas to take samples, provide treatments and conduct field studies can therefore be very difficult. Our Faculty is unique in being the only tropical medicine Faculty located in the Tropics, which gives us a proximity to the infections, vectors, and patients that many other institutions can only dream of. To make it even easier for our researchers to get closer to the study sites, the Faculty has set up permanent research centers in endemic regions in Thailand. Here, researchers have access to the highly specialized equipment and lab space needed to conduct their research. The location of these centers also benefits the local populations, who are more easily able to access quality healthcare, often free of charge. These research stations operate in various endemic locations around the country, and support both research and community-health activities. The Faculty's largest field research station is the Tropical Disease Research Center (TDRC), located in Kanchanaburi Province, near the Thai-Myanmar border. This location is ideal, as while being only 2 hours' drive from Bangkok, the area is subject to a range of tropical diseases.

The Mahidol Vivax Research Unit, or MVRU, is a key component of FTM's research into malaria, one of the most serious of the tropical diseases. Working from the Kanchanaburi field station, it is focused primarily on *P. vivax* malaria, but also works with other disease-causing species in Thailand, namely *P. falciparum*,

*P. malariae*, and *P. ovale*. Due to its location, MVRU has routine access to *P. vivax*-infected blood and can provide *P. vivax*-infected blood to Anopheles vectors; consequently, the MVRU is one of only a few centers in the world that support the validation of transmission-blocking vaccines, especially for *P. vivax*.

The unique location in Kanchanaburi provides researchers with unprecedented opportunities to investigate pathogens such as *P. vivax*, and advances are being made towards several research goals. Progress is being made into the development of non-falciparum diagnostic tools, as well as research into parasite development and transmission. The center's location also allows it to operate a community-health clinic, where local people can receive free health care they could not otherwise access.

The work is being carried out by Dr. Jetsumon Prachumsri, who is very optimistic about the opportunities made possible by the location of the facility. 'The location of the Kanchanaburi field station, in conjunction with departmental resources and staff expertise, means that FTM is a world leader in *P. vivax* research. We are the only lab with access to patients and mosquitoes, and the necessary skills to study the complete life cycle.'

The TDRC also hosts epidemiological studies conducted by the Department of Tropical Hygiene, who work closely with BIOPHICS to monitor the spread and concentration of malaria in the region. The border regions between Thailand and Myanmar are susceptible to the disease, since they are excellent breeding grounds for the parasite vector, Anopheles mosquitoes. Again, being in close proximity to this area makes studying malaria from TDRC efficient and effective.

In conjunction with other research stations, Kanchanaburi is playing a significant role in FTM's research output and work on many different aspects of different tropical diseases. The ongoing work at Kanchanaburi is vital to developing knowledge and treatments for malaria and other tropical diseases in the ASEAN region, and will continue to play an important role in consolidating the Faculty as a world leader in tropical medicine.

The location of the TDRC in Kanchanaburi is a great benefit to many different areas of research at FTM



# HIV/AIDS

The World Health Organization (WHO) estimates that 500,000 people in Thailand are HIV positive. While ARV treatment can be effective with early intervention, a vaccine remains a major goal in the field. Since the RV144 trial – which achieved a 31% efficacy rate in preventing HIV infection – was completed by the Vaccine Trial Center and its collaborators at the Faculty, many other areas have been investigated by Faculty groups in order to build on this pioneering work. In addition to this research, the Faculty also provides various other services to the public, including diagnostic and medical treatments for those with the disease, as well as counseling services.

## AIDS VACCINE

The Vaccine Trial Center is a center of excellence dedicated to carrying out clinical trials on vaccines, including several potential HIV candidates at FTM, with its collaborators (MOPH, AFRIMS, Chulalongkorn University, and Chiang Mai University). It is run by Professor Punnee Pitisuttithum, who has experience in conducting two efficacy trials of AIDS vaccine candidates. In 2013, the Center began an ongoing stage II trial with an ALVAC-HIV vaccine, rgp 120 B/E boost vaccine regimens, where additional boosting is added, stimulated to determine the immune responses generated in the blood (both B and T-cell antibodies) and local antibodies at mucosal sites (e.g., semen, cervical, secretion) [RV306]. The study is now fully enrolled, and is at the cutting edge of research in the area, and will significantly improve scientific understanding of the vaccine.

BIOPHICS is also a center of excellence at FTM. It has also been a data management center for HIV vaccine research. The Vaccine Trial Center and BIOPHICS together with their collaborations had successfully conducted RV144 which had led to subsequent findings on immunology and antibody responses in HIV vaccine trials. RV144 is the only HIV-1 vaccine efficacy trial to date that has demonstrated vaccine efficacy, with a modest level of protection of 31%. Humoral responses were the predominant immune response in this trial, along with vaccine-elicited CD4 T-cell responses. A case control study showed that IgG antibodies to the V1/V2 region of HIV-1 gp120 correlated with a decreased risk of infection, whereas IgA antibodies to the envelope correlated with a decreased vaccine efficacy in the vaccine group. Follow-up studies further supported the role of V2-specific immunity in vaccine efficacy with evidence of a virus sieve effect in infected vaccine recipients at this gp120 region. In addition, mAbs generated from RV144 vaccine recipients targeted a critical residue in V2 (K169), thus providing evidence that vaccine-induced antibodies could potentially mediate a virus sieve effect. These V2-specific antibodies can mediate antibody-dependent cellular cytotoxicity (ADCC), neutralization and low-level virus capture.



Staff from the Vaccine Trial Center

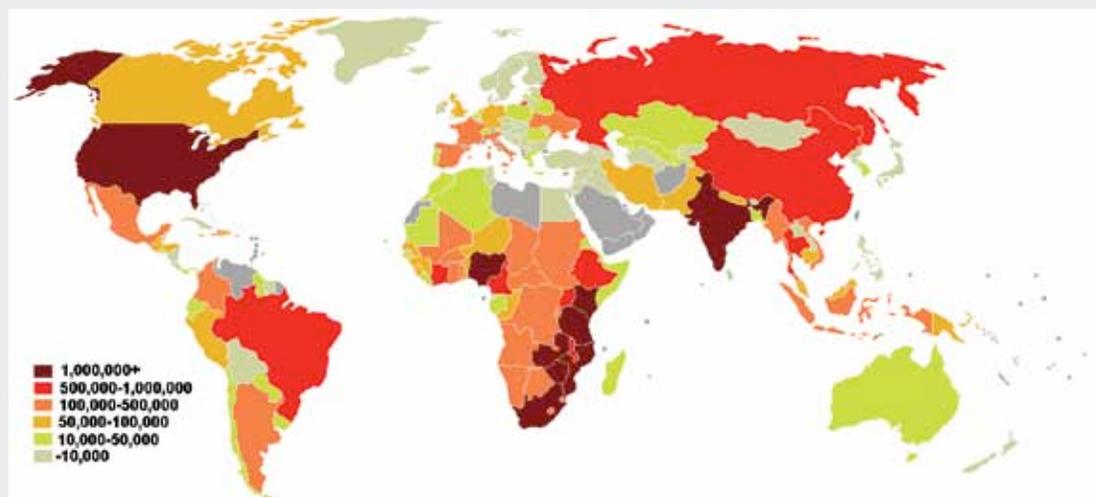
These generated new hypotheses to test in further efficacy clinical trials; namely, is there a functional role for V2-specific IgG antibodies or are they merely a marker of another functional immune response? Several RV144 follow-up studies as well as new vaccine studies are now collecting mucosal samples to probe these questions and determine the functional properties of vaccine-elicited IgA responses. In RV144, in the presence of low vaccine-elicited

IgA responses, either ADCC or NAb responses correlated with a decreased risk of infection. ADCC responses were predominantly directed to the C1 conformational region of gp120, the hypothesis is that C1 region Env-specific IgA could block C1-specific IgG effector function due to their ability to bind to different Fc receptors on effector cells. It was recently demonstrated that IgA antibodies elicited by RV144 could block C1 region specific IgG-mediated ADCC (via natural killer cells).

A third center of excellence, CEAR (the Center of Excellence for Antibody Research), has been conducting innovative research into the development of HIV vaccines. In one study, 50 monoclonal antibodies from hybridomas were identified as having neutralizing properties against HIV. This was the first study to use hybridomas in this way. This study has applications in vaccine development, as well as neutralizing antibody production. You can read more about this exciting work in the CEAR: Special Focus section (Page 39).

## IMMUNOLOGY AND EPIDEMIOLOGY

Several studies have also been investigating the interaction between AIDS and tuberculosis at the



Global HIV prevalence

Department of Microbiology and Immunology. The work has identified specific markers involved with the higher incidence of certain other diseases in HIV patients. They also reported an association between the levels of granulysin in the blood and the presence of HIV/TB co-infection. Professor Srisin Khusmith elaborates: 'The immunological and molecular biological aspects in tuberculosis and HIV/TB co-infections were studied extensively at the Department of Microbiology and Immunology, including the potential function of granulysin, other related effector molecules and lymphocyte subsets. We reported for the first time that the alteration of circulating granulysin has a potential function in the host's immune response against TB and HIV/TB co-infection, which might serve as biomarkers of clinical disease before and after therapy. The influence of cytochrome *P450 2B6* haplotype on plasma efavirenz and nevirapine levels when co-administered with rifampicin in HIV/TB co-infected adults were also reported, which might be useful for personalized anti-retroviral therapy.'

The Department of Tropical Hygiene conducted a survey into the reasons behind the low uptake of Isoniazid as a therapy for HIV patients undergoing TB treatment in northern Thailand, identifying a lack of a national strategy as a contributing factor.

## CURRENT TREATMENT AND FUTURE RESEARCH

As well as groundbreaking research into possible vaccines for the disease, FTM also helps those with the condition to access and receive treatment. ARV treatment centers have previously been the subject of several studies by the University.

The Silom Community Clinic @TropMed, located at the Hospital for Tropical Diseases, specializes in Voluntary Counselling and Testing (VCT) services as well as sexually transmitted disease (STD) diagnosis and treatment – with related services for homosexual men and transgender women who are sexually active with men. They provide diagnoses for HIV using rapid testing within 30 minutes, detection of acute HIV infection, as well as the opportunity to participate in cutting-edge behavioral and biomedical HIV prevention intervention clinical trials. Counselling is routinely available to patients, and all services are offered for free. The clinic is run in a confidential, understanding environment by staff with many years of experience working with this at-risk population.

Although much work remains to be done to develop an HIV vaccine with higher efficacy, FTM has successfully demonstrated that vaccines can be developed that have an effect on the virus. The Faculty, along with its collaborators, will continue its cutting-edge research into this area, while also providing quality healthcare to those with the disease. Due to the Faculty's history in this area, and the wide variety of preventive and treatment options it is pursuing, it is well placed to continue improving the efficacy of potential vaccines.



U.S. Ambassador Kristie Kenney visiting the Silom Community Clinic @ TropMed

# Melioidosis

Melioidosis is caused by the Bacterium *Burkholderia pseudomallei*, and has a prevalence of around 21 cases per 100,000 people in Northeast Thailand. The mortality rate in these cases is approximately 40%. These alarming figures may in reality be even higher, as the disease often cannot be diagnosed in rural hospitals due to a lack of resources and facilities. The symptoms depend on the route of infection and so can vary greatly, but often start with a fever.

Inoculation can occur through inhalation, ingestion or by dermal exposure to the pathogen. As such, populations in Thailand that spend more time in contact with soil or water, like rice paddy farmers, pre dispose themselves to the disease. The prevalence and mortality rates of melioidosis make research into treatment, prevention and possible cures for the disease very urgently required. Several departments at FTM are helping combat the disease in different ways.

The FTM collaborates with Oxford University in the MORU (Mahidol-Oxford Tropical Medicine Research Unit) partnership. Since 1986, MORU has been working in Sappasithiprasong Hospital in Ubon Ratchathani. This work has included treating over 3000 patients with Melioidosis, as well as research that has helped shape the WHO's guidelines for treatment of the disease. MORU's work over this long period has also identified an increase in the prevalence of the disease. A study conducted between 1987 and 1991 found 4.4 cases per 100,000 people, which means current numbers are almost 5 times higher than they were in this period. Possible reasons for this increase include rising life expectancy and an increase in pre disposing conditions like diabetes mellitus. The relationship between diabetes mellitus and melioidosis has also been investigated in studies by the Department of Tropical Medicine.

Recent studies conducted by The Department of Tropical Hygiene at FTM have dealt with the broader impacts of this increasingly common disease, including the economic impacts. The study calculated the total economic burden of melioidosis in Sa Kaeo and Nakhon Phanom, two provinces in Northeast Thailand. The total costs of melioidosis, due to both direct and indirect causes were \$152,159 and \$465,303 respectively. The difference was attributed to the different rates of infection in the two areas. This finding highlights both the valuable research being carried out by the faculty, and why it is so important that it continues.

Other groups have looked at the epidemiological aspects of the disease. One study, including members from MORU, the Department of Tropical Hygiene, and the Department of Microbiology and Immunology, was the first to prove that ingestion of the bacterium is a major route of infection. The study also provided recommendations for lowering the risk of contracting the disease, including avoiding direct contact with rice paddy water where possible. Studies carried out by FTM have also investigated different contributing factors involved with contracting the disease, including lifestyle, occupations and other medical conditions such as diabetes mellitus.

Progress is also being made in the understanding of the factors relating to resistance. Four different FTM departments collaborated to produce a publication last year. Staff from MORU, the Department of Microbiology and Immunology, the



**Assoc. Prof. Narisara Chantratita is an expert in Melioidosis research**

Department of Clinical and Tropical Medicine and the Department of Tropical Hygiene produced the paper in conjunction with other groups worldwide. Their work identified a pathogen recognition receptor, TLR5, which when down regulated is associated with lower rates of organ failure and improved survival in melioidosis cases. This has possible applications in the development of treatments for the disease, and is potentially a major breakthrough.

Associate Professor Narisara Chantratita works in the Microbiology and Immunology Department at FTM, and is an expert on Melioidosis. She has investigated genetic and immunological factors in the pathogenesis of the disease, and also published potential methods for rapid detection of the pathogen in rural areas. She emphasises the future benefits of the current research:

‘The access to an easy-to-use, accurate and reliable diagnostic tool for melioidosis will greatly reduce the impact of the disease,’ she says. ‘Being able to identify individuals carrying the infection will enable earlier interventions with antibiotics, and also help us to get a better picture of the true prevalence and mortality of the disease.’

Although there is still much to discover about melioidosis, FTM is working on many fronts to tackle the disease. MORU ‘aims to improve diagnosis, assess and improve treatment methods, and monitor morbidity and mortality with the aim of decreasing them.’ This accurately summarizes the many different projects being undertaken, and sets out clear goals for research in the future. The ongoing work of FTM, through both its Departments and collaborations, is dedicated to achieving these goals.



*A Burkholderia pseudomallei colony, cultured at MORU*

# CEAR - Special Focus

The Center of Excellence for Antibody Research (CEAR), was founded at FTM in 2009. The goal of the Center is to produce therapeutic products against infectious diseases. The Center currently employs 12 full-time staff. It is equipped with state-of-the-art facilities, including apparatus necessary for flow cytometry, viral culture and real-time PCR. As antibodies are central to the body's immune defenses against many diseases, CEAR is working on a wide range of diseases. Exciting results produced by the Center have included the development of candidate vaccines and the identification of new antibodies involved with resistance to disease, which both have the potential to be extremely valuable treatment tools for many diseases. This work has been achieved through partnerships with several other international organizations. In recognition of this essential research, CEAR Director, Assoc. Prof. Pongrama Ramasoota recently accepted an award on behalf of the CEAR team. In conjunction with this valuable research, CEAR also provides services for other Departments at FTM.

Research conducted by a group including Dr. Ramasoota has focused on monoclonal antibodies (MAbs) involved with neutralizing HIV-1. They were able to use samples taken from HIV patients to produce hybridomas, which expressed 50 different antibodies with neutralizing capabilities against HIV-1 (NhMAbs). They found that more hybridomas were produced from participants with higher CD4 cell counts, and that NhMAB-producing hybridomas with strong neutralizing activity were associated with patients who had HIV within the last 12 months. The study concluded that future HIV-investigation participants should be selected for high CD4 cell counts and neutralizing antibody production. These findings have potentially huge implications in using neutralizing antibody production to develop new therapies, as well as HIV-1 vaccine development.

For their work on this and other projects in 2013, including dengue, influenza, and foot and mouth disease, Dr. Ramasoota and his group received the Outstanding Research Award from the National Research Council of Thailand. The award recognized the Department's excellent research into the use of monoclonal antibodies in dengue treatment. The award was presented to the center of excellence at a ceremony in February.

Research conducted at CEAR has also been looking at the role of antibodies in the treatment of dengue infections. Several studies into dengue have been completed in the last 12 months, with many interesting findings. One study identified the role of antibody-dependent enhancement in severe cases, which although not yet fully understood may have implications in developing future treatments. Another study mapped human DENV-NS1 epitopes, increasing our understanding of disease pathogenesis. This study also provides a pathway for the development of future drugs or vaccines. In a third study, 19 human MAbs were identified as having neutralizing properties to more than one dengue serotype. This finding will help elucidate the role of certain epitopes associated with the virus. Another group, including staff from CEAR and collaborators from the University of Osaka, has also been studying human monoclonal antibodies (HuMAbs). They identified 17 separate HuMAbs, which showed elevated neutralization activity to all



**CEAR Director, Assoc. Prof. Pongrama Ramasoota**

viral serotypes. These HuMAbs were able to almost totally prevent fatalities due to DENV-2 in a murine model, making them very strong candidates for future therapies for dengue virus. The project team has submitted patents for these findings in several countries, and their ground-breaking findings may have a profound impact on dengue therapeutics in the future. In recognition for their outstanding work, Dr. Ramasoota and his group received the Outstanding Research Award from the National Research Council of Thailand.

CEAR has produced publications in many other areas, as well, as antibodies have potential applications in dealing with many other diseases. One group used a novel MAb to develop a test for foot and mouth disease in livestock. The assay reliably differentiates infected animals from vaccinated ones, and will be very useful in limiting the spread of the disease. A group comprising several CEAR researchers has also investigated treatments for Japanese encephalitis (JE). They found that HuMAbs produced by hybridomas with neutralizing properties against dengue virus were also effective against JE. A group made up of staff from various FTM departments, including Director Ramasoota, also published a paper outlining the efficacy of different treatments on the parasite *Schistosoma mansoni*. These publications demonstrate the wide range of topics being investigated at CEAR.

The Center also benefits from productive partnerships with several organizations, which are not limited to other Departments at FTM. The Mahidol-Osaka Center for Infectious Diseases, or MOCID, is a collaboration between Mahidol FTM and the Institute for Microbial Diseases at Osaka University, in Japan. CEAR has been a major contributor from FTM in this partnership, and research groups comprising scientists from both organizations have produced 5 publications in the last 12 months. The BIKEN Institute has also contributed to this partnership, helping to fund research into an antibody-expressing dengue vaccine. The Japanese International Cooperation agency (JICA) has also worked with Mahidol, producing several papers through various research projects. This ongoing sharing of knowledge and expertise benefits both sides of the partnership, and is one aspect of research that FTM values very highly.

As well as conducting ground-breaking research into antibody applications in diseases, CEAR provides services and assistance to other departments at FTM. They work closely with the Hospital for Tropical Diseases, and are able to provide dengue virus diagnosis via PCR. In addition to this, the Center can provide services to FTM staff, such as flow cytometry, protein interaction array analysis, and real-time PCR.

Although it has only been operating for 5 years, CEAR has already made many significant contributions to the field. While many different diseases still present significant health problems in Thailand and elsewhere in the world, CEAR's work to date has been invaluable in improving the treatments and developing possible cures for many of these. The dedication of its staff, as well as their expertise and collaborations, mean that they are well placed to continue these innovations into the future.



Some of the staff from CEAR

# Toxoplasmosis

Toxoplasmosis is a disease caused by the parasitic protozoan *Toxoplasma gondii*. Although felines are the definitive host, the parasite can infect most warm-blooded organisms, including humans. The protozoan is found worldwide and currently infects up to a third of the global human population. While often asymptomatic, it can be transmitted vertically to cause congenital defects, and can be fatal in immunocompromised patients.

FTM's research into toxoplasmosis dates back to 1992, and was originally led by Asst. Prof. Thaiyooth Chintana and later on by Dean Yaowalark Sukthana. It was found that human seroprevalence in Thai people is lower than in France and South America, accounting for around 12-15%. The burden of congenital toxoplasmosis was less than 1 in 8000 for live births, while severe clinical manifestations were observed in HIV/AIDS infected patients, whose immunocompromised status resulted in CNS abscesses with a high mortality rate. To diagnose toxoplasmosis is not straight forward. Even though the serological method is a mainstay for antibody detection in acquired or congenital infections, late reactivation cases need more modalities to make diagnoses, such as brain imaging or molecular techniques.

In 2012, Dean Yaowalark's group proposed a promising diagnostic tool, a duplex reverse transcription-PCR (duplex RT-PCR) assay specific to tachyzoite-bradyzoite genes, for toxoplasmic encephalitis in Thai HIV-infected patients with 100% specificity and 87.5% sensitivity. This diagnostic method was rapid, easy and 4 times cheaper than procedures used in the CDC diagnostic recommendations. It worked very well for blood samples, even after drug treatment had been started.

Toxoplasma research at FTM also covers investigating transmission to humans, including looking at eating habits and zoonotic potential. It was found that despite a low contamination rate from consuming pork meat, heavy parasite loads were present in each pork sample, which exceeded the infective threshold for potential infections. FTM's researchers are also investigating the prevalence of the parasite in different populations, to help give a more complete picture of the disease. One study, published by a group including Dean Yaowalark Sukthana, found high levels of *Toxoplasma gondii* in Australian commercially reared chickens. This finding has important implications for public health, and also highlights some of the large areas still to be covered by research. 'Having a better understanding of the prevalence of *Toxoplasma gondii* allows us to identify potential outbreaks and at-risk groups in the community,' she says. 'Knowing the prevalence of the disease at a certain time point also allows researchers to identify potential outbreaks more easily in the future.'

Although *T. gondii* infections are often asymptomatic, they can have severe consequences in some patients. The high prevalence of infection in the population means that monitoring natural reservoirs and having access to rapid diagnostic tests is important for controlling the disease. The Faculty will continue working to improve both diagnosis and treatment of the disease, as well as environmental factors to control and prevent transmission from animals to humans, which will benefit groups at high risk, especially HIV patients.

**Dean Yaowalark Sukthana has published papers on different aspects of toxoplasmosis**



# Tropical Nutrition and Food Science: Special Focus

The Department of Tropical Nutrition and Food Science was founded in 1966, and though it is one of the smaller Departments in terms of Faculty staff, it is in high demand among students and professionals alike as nutrition-related diseases have grown dramatically both in Thailand and the region. A recurring theme in this year's Annual Review has been the growing impact of non-infectious diseases, often caused by lifestyle factors and age. Highlighted as future challenges by both the Dean and the Director of the Hospital for Tropical Diseases, the importance of these diseases cannot be overlooked. The Department of Tropical Nutrition and Food Science is specialising to a large extent on these new challenges.

As the name suggests, the Department's research focus is in two main areas - nutrition and food science. Nutrition research ranges from malnutrition problems to obesity, and includes investigating dietary patterns, the role of genetic and protein changes in nutritional status, dyslipidemia, cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, and epigenetics studies. Food science relates to microbiological studies on plant extracts with anti-cholangiocarcinoma, mosquitocidal, anti-HIV, and anti-obesity properties, as well as probiotics development and the use of glycosidase enzymes in agriculture and the food industry.

As mentioned above, due to the high interest in metabolic syndromes, the Department sees a high demand from students and healthcare professionals alike. It organised the training course entitled 'Methods in Nutritional Assessment and Research' for the 9<sup>th</sup> year running, and continues to see a high demand from students.

Prof. Rungsunn Tungtronchitr is one of the senior researchers at the Department, and he has investigated the relationship between genetics and various metabolic syndrome-related problems. One study, with the Department of Clinical Tropical Medicine and others, investigated the link between PCSK1 genetic variants and obesity in Thai children and their families. Single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) in this gene have been associated with obesity in European populations, and both obesity and type 2 diabetes in Chinese populations. Prof. Tungtronchitr's findings supported these studies and found that variant genotypes in the rs6234-6235 pair are at significantly more risk of being obese, and severely obese.

A large ongoing study has been looking at behavioral and lifestyle factors related to the risk of type 2 diabetes mellitus. A disease that has increased significantly in prevalence in Thailand over the past decades, it is notoriously difficult to diagnose because disease progression is slow, without clear symptoms. Clinical diagnosis can therefore take up to a decade, making prevention a much more effective strategy than treatment. The ongoing study aims to identify behavioral and lifestyle factors associated with the disease, enabling early preventive measures for at-risk groups.

An example of food science research at the Department is an investigation of the health benefits of Mao-Luang (*Antidesma bunius* L. Spreng), a fruit commonly consumed in northeast Thailand. Rich in polyphenol, Mao-Luang has been reported to have strong antioxidant activity, so this study investigated its effects on hyperlipidemic rats. Its effect

on safety biochemical markers, antioxidant status, oxidative stress and inflammation markers as well as heart pathology will be investigated to assess the fruit's health benefits.

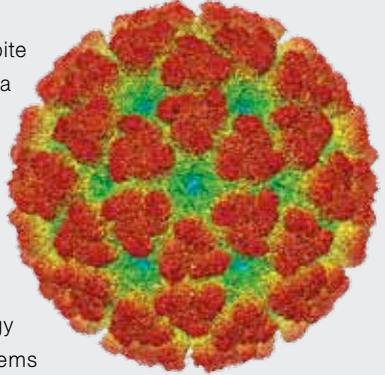
The Department's research covers broad categories, and their popular training and close ties to the Ministry of Public Health and international institutions make them influential in shaping policy and treatment practices in Thailand and the Southeast Asian region at large - an impact that reflects the new challenges facing public health in the region.



Asst. Prof. Dumrongkiet Arthan, Head of the Department of Tropical Nutrition and Food Science

# Chikungunya

Chikungunya virus (CHIKV) is transmitted to humans by the bite of infected *Aedes* mosquitoes, like dengue. Once present, it causes a range of symptoms, including swollen and painful joints, muscular pain, headaches, and rashes. It has lower morbidity and mortality rates than similar diseases, such as malaria and dengue, but was reported in 2005-6 as causing fatalities in India, Reunion Island, and Mauritius. The disease was first reported in Thailand in 1960, and has been present ever since. In recent years, the prevalence of the disease has increased, making studies into its diagnosis, epidemiology and treatment more urgently required. FTM is working on these problems in several different ways.



Research at FTM into CHIKV over the last 12 months has produced 2 papers. The first study successfully isolated CHIKV and dengue viruses by adsorbing them to magnetic beads coated with anionic polymer. This finding has applications in early detection of chikungunya, and is a significant step forward in the identification of the disease. Assistant Professor Natthanej Luplertlop, from the Department of Microbiology and Immunology, was one of the authors of this paper. 'The viruses captured in this method can be successfully propagated, which enables simple diagnosis from very low viral burden', he says. 'The reduced cost, high sensitivity and rapidity of testing make this a very useful tool in the fight against the disease.'

The second study was concerned with the pathogenesis of CHIKV and its action in human skin cells, or keratinocytes. The study characterized the action of the virus and mosquito saliva proteins in suppressing the immune response, enabling the virus to survive in the host. This understanding of the mechanisms of the disease will help develop improved treatments, and may even benefit the study of other diseases. Orapim Puiprom is a research fellow from CEAR who worked on the study. 'Skin cells are the body's first line of defense against CHIKV, and their transmission in keratinocytes remains poorly understood. Improving our knowledge on how a virus replicates at this early stage of infection opens up many different possibilities in terms of treatment, diagnosis and even possible future vaccines.'

Factors like climate change and increased movement of people across borders within the ASEAN region have the potential to increase the prevalence of certain diseases. The work at FTM on the diagnosis, pathogenesis, and possible treatments for chikungunya will be instrumental in combating the disease now and into the future.

**Asst. Prof. Natthanej Luplertlop has been investigating different aspects of Chikungunya virus**



# Scrub typhus

Scrub typhus is a tropical disease caused by the bacterium *Orientia tsutsugamushi*. The pathogen is transported by larval mites of the family *Trombiculidae*, commonly called 'chiggers'. Humans contract the disease when bitten by a mite carrying the bacterium. Symptoms often include fever, myalgia, muscle pain, cough, gastrointestinal symptoms, rash, and eschar (pieces of dead tissue cast off from the surface of the skin), although scrub typhus can occur without these. The disease is believed to infect around 1 million people per year, with a fatality rate of around 10%. As with other neglected tropical diseases, these figures are made even more concerning by several factors. A 2013 review article published by the Mahidol-Oxford Tropical Medicine Research Unit (MORU) stated that the range of scrub typhus requires more research, as does the variety of host species. This is due to evidence of the disease further into Africa, the Middle East and South America than currently documented. These findings, combined with inaccuracies in diagnosis of the condition, make the work of FTM into scrub typhus very important.

A study conducted last year by MORU looked at the accuracy of current methods of diagnosis for scrub typhus. The study determined Immunoglobulin M (IgM) status in samples using an indirect immunofluorescence assay at different time points. The results showed that samples kept at 4°C for 2 days were classified as negative after initially being positive in 20-32% of cases. This high level of variability underlines the difficulties surrounding diagnosis, and strongly suggests that the disease is under-reported. It is also an important reason why studies in this area need to continue.

As little is also known about the pathophysiology of the disease, a study by MORU has investigated the routes of infection in murine models. They found that *O. tsutsugamushi* load was highest in the lungs and spleens of mice inoculated with two different strains of the bacterium. This study helps shed light on the epidemiology and pathogenesis of the disease, which will contribute to improved treatments and even vaccine development in the future.



**A Family Trombiculidae mite, the vector for scrub typhus**

MORU has also focused on monitoring the incidence of scrub typhus in hospital studies in the Northeast of Thailand and Laos. The WHO has stated that 'Scrub typhus is probably one of the most under-diagnosed and under-reported febrile illnesses requiring hospitalisation in the region.' To alter this trend, MORU has been collecting data on cases presenting to hospitals in the region, and comparing the genetic and antigenic makeup of the pathogens identified. This work is another example of MORU's multi-disciplinary approach to characterizing the disease, in order to enable future advances in treatment.

The work summarised here gives an indication of the progress made by FTM in the treatment of scrub typhus, but also highlights the large amount still unknown about the disease. Many challenges remain in respect to scrub typhus, including increasing our understanding of the disease to improve diagnostic tools and future vaccine development. MORU and the FTM are working continuously to raise awareness, and improve the diagnosis and treatment of this neglected tropical disease.

# Mahidol-Oxford Tropical Medicine Research Unit (MORU): Special Focus

The Mahidol-Oxford Tropical Medicine Research Unit (MORU) is a collaboration between the two Universities, and is committed to 'fighting infectious tropical diseases affecting rural communities in Asia and elsewhere in the developing world.' To meet this goal, the collaboration has been working since 1979 and includes a main office and lab in Bangkok at Mahidol, with other study sites spread widely through both Asia and Africa. MORU is committed to improving the diagnosis and treatment of malaria and dengue, and neglected tropical diseases, such as scrub and murine typhus, melioidosis, Japanese encephalitis and leptospirosis. In 2013, it published 124 journal articles on different subjects. Apart from research, MORU is also committed to developing people's skills to provide health care. They also help institutions for use as community resources, promote public engagement and dissemination of knowledge, and provide guidance with governance and financial management, to ensure that programs are sustainable in the long term.

## RESEARCH AREA: MALARIA

MORU is investigating many different aspects of malaria, both in Thailand and further afield. Through 15 sites in 10 countries, the TRAC (Tracking Resistance to Artemisinin Collaboration) study has been monitoring artemisinin resistance in malaria parasites. The program has identified Myanmar as the center of resistance, and is consequently working with local authorities there to stop new strains spreading to Africa.

Related collaborations with other institutes have identified the genetic and phenotypic causes of resistance. This information is very useful in the process of developing diagnostics and treatments for artemisinin resistant parasites.

Studies have looked at the presence of malaria in pregnant women. One study in the Thai-Myanmar border region found that post-partum women showed a higher prevalence of

*P. vivax* malaria, while *P. falciparum* cases became less common. While these differences were attributed to decreases in exposure to falciparum and an increased chance of relapse for vivax, the study highlights the need for improved monitoring and treatment of vivax malaria in post-partum women.

Another study in Uganda found parasitaemia levels and timing of infection were indicators of complications in birth, but that the presence of fever in mothers was not. This study recommended screening, diagnosing and treating infected pregnant women as quickly as possible, regardless of symptoms.

The collaboration has also investigated a range of other topics relating to the disease. Studies into genetic resistance to therapies, drug efficacy, pharmacokinetics, prognostic indicators and immunology have all been carried out. This diverse range of study topics has helped improve greatly the overall understanding of malaria.

You can read more about FTM's malaria research on page 21.



Prof. Nicholas Day, Director MORU

## RESEARCH AREA: DENGUE

MORU has conducted two studies into dengue in the last year. The first study looked at the accuracy of tests used to diagnose the disease in a Hospital in Sri Lanka, and revealed a lower than expected rate of detection using the current diagnostic assay. The group also suggested an improved method for detection, which will potentially lead to the better application of treatments and better patient outcomes. The other investigation surveyed community attitudes and knowledge about dengue in Vientiane, Lao PDR. This study highlighted several trends concerning community understanding, but most significantly, 93% of the participants believed they did not have enough information on dengue. This finding highlights the importance of MORU's community education work, described further below.

You can read more about FTM's dengue research on page 25.

## RESEARCH AREA: SCRUB TYPHUS AND MURINE TYPHUS

Scrub typhus or bush typhus (caused by *Orientia tsutsugamushi*, transmitted by trombiculid mites, or "chiggers") and murine typhus (caused by *Rickettsia typhi*, transmitted mainly by rat fleas) are both highly under-reported diseases that are thought to be highly prevalent in many rural communities.

The prevalence of scrub typhus among humans, reported in a review article from MORU, was > 1 million cases per year. This article also highlighted the probable extended range of the disease. It is confirmed in Eastern Russia and Korea, Southeast Asia, Afghanistan, and Northern Australia, but is thought to extend to Africa and South America.

A study by MORU has highlighted problems associated with the standard diagnostic test for scrub typhus and murine typhus, specifically the immunofluorescence assay. The study found that the subjective nature of determining endpoint titers, and other factors like experience level of professionals made the diagnoses potentially unreliable. Another study investigated the diagnosis of concurrent types of typhus infection. These are good examples of how MORU's work into neglected tropical diseases is helping to improve our understanding of limitations, and areas which need improvement.

You can read more about MORU's typhus research on page 44.

## RESEARCH AREA: MELIOIDOSIS

Melioidosis is a bacterial infection, which is thought to be highly under-reported. A recent study by MORU reported an incidence of 21 cases per 100,000 people in Ubon Ratchathani Province, a number which has increased in recent years. Around 40% of these cases are fatal, meaning that this neglected tropical disease is a major killer in Thailand, particularly among rural populations.

Since background knowledge about the disease is scant, MORU has been investigating melioidosis in a number of different ways. One study defined the clinical definitions of melioidosis, while another identified contributing factors to contracting the disease. Major improvements in the treatment of the disease included work on new methods for taking samples and identifying the pathogen.

Other work studied the disease at the molecular level. One group identified a gene associated with resistance, while another investigated the role of interferons in the immune response to the disease.

You can read more about melioidosis research on page 37.

## TRAINING PEOPLE AND INSTITUTIONS

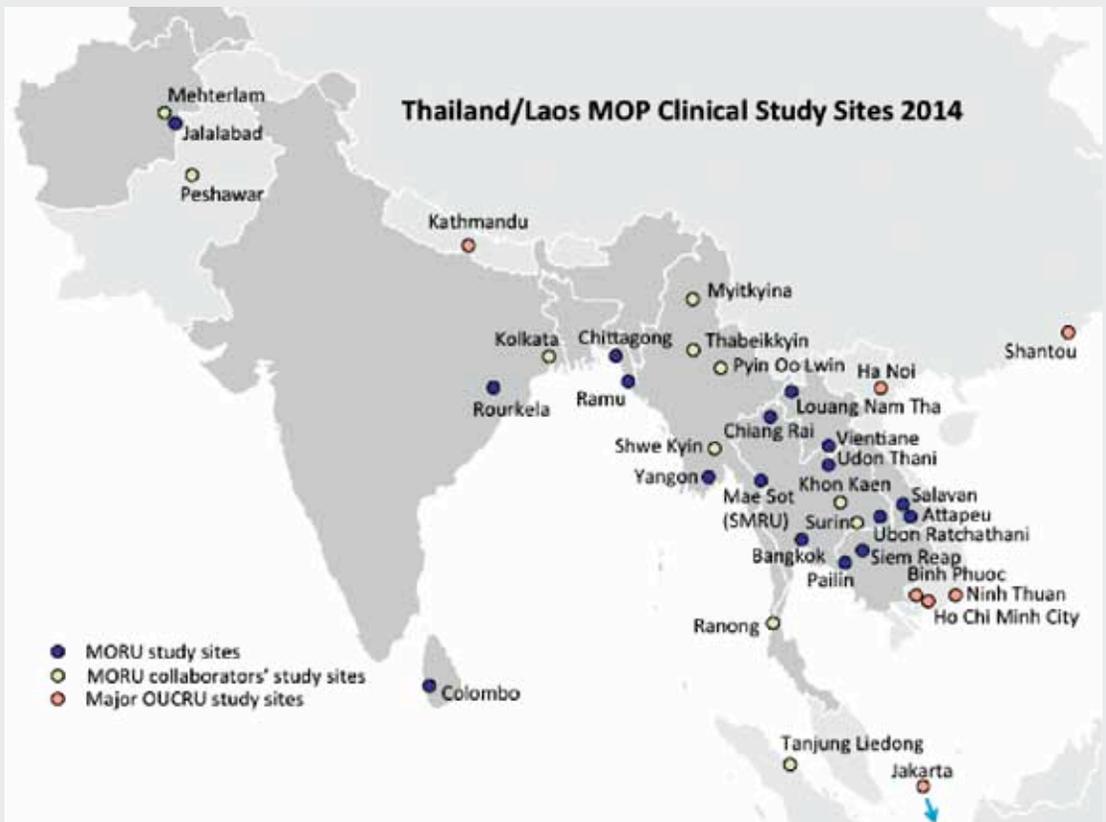
MORU has a commitment to training people in local areas around the region. This will help to develop a 'clinical mass' of locally trained healthcare providers, who will be instrumental in prevention and treatment of diseases

currently affecting the population. These professionals are also important contributors to research into different diseases, and benefit local hospitals through improved understanding and collaborations with other centers.

## PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT AND KNOWLEDGE SHARING

As many MORU studies are carried out in smaller rural communities, developing positive relationships with local people is crucial. MORU strives to engage people in the work being undertaken, in order to increase understanding of issues facing society from a medical point of view, but also to increase awareness and interest in the next generation.

The work conducted by MORU has already drastically improved the standard of healthcare in rural Asian communities; however, many problems still remain to be dealt with. The emergence of artemisinin resistance along the Thai/Myanmar border is a good example. This problem has the potential to reverse the progress made against the disease, and could put many lives in danger. MORU's work to improve diagnostics and treatments for malaria, as well as monitor parasitic resistance, means it is very well placed to combat this change. In addition to this, the local community members that have been trained in health care and medical research will play a significant role in delaying and halting the spread of the resistant parasites. These impacts will continue to improve the prognoses for people contracting malaria and other tropical diseases in the future, and confirm MORU as a key player in the fight against them.



MORU study sites in Asia

# Hospital for Tropical Diseases

## AN EVENTFUL YEAR

The Hospital for Tropical Diseases was founded 53 years ago, and in the future, the year 2013 will be looked back upon as a landmark year in the Hospital's history. Indeed, it is often mentioned as one of the past year's biggest highlights at the Faculty – and for good reason. In April 2013, the Hospital moved into new facilities, the modern glass and steel high-rise, Rajanagarindra Building. With its state of the art facilities and equipment, the new building is one of the Faculty's largest investments ever. In addition to this significant move, the Hospital was awarded Hospital Accreditation by the Thai Healthcare Accreditation Institute in recognition for the many years dedicated to improving quality of care, safety procedures, and data management at the Hospital. This is the culmination of a 10-year process, and an important milestone for the Hospital.

The Hospital Director, Assistant Professor Udomsak Silachamroon, is proud of the achievements of the past year, but emphasizes that the day-to-day work at the Hospital has remained largely the same. 'The main responsibilities haven't changed – we still focus on the well-being of our patients first – just like before.' The new building provides staff and patients with a better environment in the way of facilities, equipment, and more space, but the fundamental high-quality care and expertise of doctors, nurses, and support staff remains unchanged. The Hospital is a specialist hospital with unmatched expertise in tropical medicine. The fact that the Hospital has access to some of the country's top tropical medical researchers, with their offices next door, is a unique advantage. Similarly, the researchers benefit from having close access to clinical cases near their labs, making their research much easier. The Hospital's fever clinic is highly regarded by the community, and receives referrals from all over the country. In 2013, the Hospital served 64,082 out-patients and 2,386 in-patients.

Over the past years, preparations have been made to start offering specialized residency training in travel medicine at the Hospital's travel clinic. This is now about to start – the first doctors are commencing their three-year training in June 2014, the first such residency training in the world. The curriculum has been developed in collaboration with many universities and institutes in Thailand, and will provide doctors with a unique specialization in travel medicine – a field in extremely high demand in Thailand.

In addition to housing the Hospital, the new hospital building now also contains the Silom Community Clinic, a free sexual-health clinic for men who have sex with men, and transgender women who have sex with men. The Clinic was previously located in Silom, but moved to the Hospital for Tropical Diseases when the new building opened this past year. Founded in 2003 as a 'safe haven' for homosexual males and transgender women to receive sexual-health services, it provides testing and treatment of all sexually transmitted diseases, as well as counseling services free of charge, and in a supportive environment. It is also involved in various research projects related to HIV/AIDS, and the proximity to FTM increases its scope to conduct joint projects with Faculty researchers that specialize in the disease.

The Hospital is an academic hospital – the main focus is patients' welfare, and to provide students and researchers with an opportunity to learn about the diseases – not on how many patients we treat. Our goal is to train doctors, researchers, and healthcare professionals, and to develop ever more effective



**Asst. Prof. Dr. Udomsak Silachamroon**  
Director of the Hospital for Tropical Diseases

treatments. The initiatives mentioned above are perfect examples of this. Of the 250 beds available at the Hospital, 100 are allocated to research projects, 100 for inpatient treatment, and 50 for TropMed Homecare, the Faculty's elder-care service which is described in more detail in the following section.

## CHANGING TIMES

Thailand has undergone a dramatic change since the Hospital was founded 50 years ago. It is much more developed, and Bangkok, where most of our patients live, has undergone intense modernization. With this change in living conditions comes a change in the demand for healthcare services. Therefore, there are now much fewer cases of malaria, and steadily decreasing cases of parasitic infections in general. However, this decrease in traditional tropical diseases is offset by a growth in other diseases, not necessarily limited to the Tropics, but important societal problems, nonetheless: heart disease, obesity-related diseases, and an aging society are some of them. Though we remain a specialized tropical medicine Hospital, it is our responsibility to adapt to these shifts, and support society in these emerging problem areas, as well. The Hospital therefore established the TMD clinic (TM stands for Tropical Medicine, and D, 'dee' – means 'good' in Thai), where we provide more general medical specialists such as a cardiologist, pulmonologist, and a neurologist. At the same time, this year the Faculty has introduced TropMed Homecare, a service for the elderly, where apartments are provided within the Hospital, with ready access to medical care and support. This is achieved through close collaboration with the Hospital for Tropical Diseases, which has allocated 50 beds to Homecare members' treatment. These changes reflect some of the new medical challenges affecting Thai society, and since the Hospital was partially funded with public taxes, we feel it is important to provide services in the most needed areas.



The Hospital has 250 beds, and is a center for both excellent medical care and scientific research

# Field Stations

## BACKGROUND

The Faculty of Tropical Medicine has long been committed to improving the health of rural communities in Thailand. To achieve this, two main components are essential. The first is an active research environment, involving many different groups investigating different aspects of various diseases. The second is the logistical capabilities to reach these often isolated communities easily, in order to provide the best possible healthcare and services.

In both these components, the efforts of FTM benefit greatly from the Faculty's field stations. Located in different parts of the country, they provide researchers with access to the diseases they are studying *in situ*, while also offering invaluable healthcare services. These include various diagnoses, treatments and vaccines, often free of charge.

## KANCHANABURI

FTM has a field station at Kanchanaburi, less than 150km from Bangkok. The Tropical Disease Research Center, or TDRC, was opened in 2003. Since then, it has been a focal point of field research for FTM, and has been involved with many different studies. The Malaria Vivax Research Unit (MVRU) has conducted many studies using the presence of vivax malaria in the local population. Dr. Jetsumon Prachumsri leads this group, and acknowledges the location of the field center as an essential part of the work. 'The field center allows us to combine the expertise of our staff and equipment in a location where they can make a very real difference to the health of the local community.' You can read more about TDRC on page 31.



Staff at TDRC have access to a wide range of equipment, the benefits of which are maximized by the location of the center

## UBON RATCHATHANI

The Mahidol Oxford Research Unit, or MORU, is a collaboration between Mahidol University and Oxford University, backed by the Wellcome Trust. You can read more about their important work on page 43. The unit runs a field station in Ubon Ratchathani, where it has been working through Sappasithiprasong Hospital, since 1986. This province, in Northeast Thailand, has a relatively high incidence of the bacterial disease melioidosis, and MORU has been investigating its epidemiology and treatment here over the last 20 years.

10 randomized clinical trials have been completed here, along with other studies that have successfully halved the mortality rate among the patient population due to melioidosis. The center has also been used as the location for studies on *Staphylococcus aureus* infection and cryptococcal meningitis.

## SHOKLO MALARIA RESEARCH UNIT

Shoklo Malaria Research Unit (SMRU) is a joint venture between Mahidol University, MORU, and the Wellcome Trust. It is located in Mae Sot, Tak Province, and also receives funding from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, DFID, and the European Union. The unit was formed to start helping refugees along Thai-Myanmar border in 1986, and now provides quality healthcare to marginalized people (including refugees and displaced people) on both sides of the Thai/Myanmar border.



Staff working at SMRU

In order to achieve this, SMRU detects and treats tuberculosis and malaria while also dealing with maternal and pediatric health problems, such as nutrition-related conditions. Research on maternal and child diseases is also a focus at SMRU. This has extended to diseases like pneumonia, *Aeromonas* bacteremia, and malaria during and after pregnancy. The center is involved with studies investigating the treatment and epidemiology of malaria, as well as malarial entomology. Work has been carried out on the treatment of tuberculosis in the region.

## RAJANAGARINDRA TROPICAL DISEASE INTERNATIONAL CENTER

The Rajanagarindra Tropical Disease International Center (RTIC) is located in Ratchaburi Province, west of Bangkok, and close to the border with Myanmar. It aims 'to deliver the highest standard of health services related to the tropical diseases, to improve the quality of life of people in rural communities'. Constructed in late 2000, it was formally opened in 2001, with the generous help of Her Royal Highness Princess Galyani Vadhana Krom Luang Naradhiwas Rajanagarindra. The RTIC can accommodate up to 40 people for research or education and training.

Since its opening, the center has been an important part of FTM's malaria research, with studies carried out into epidemiology, socio-behavioral and genetic aspects of the disease. The RTIC has also facilitated similar research into various helminthiases. The center is committed to providing free-of-charge healthcare to the local people. A major part of improving the overall health of any community is education, and RTIC has provided this through both school education programs and professional training for local healthcare workers.

## THE FUTURE

FTM's field stations are a valuable resource for many reasons. They are of great benefit to all those involved, whether they are researchers looking for the opportunity to investigate a disease *in situ*, or members of a local community seeking essential healthcare. They are a shining example of the Faculty's commitment to improving the overall health of the region, through both research and the application of the best available treatments. The productive on-going work at these stations will continue to be of great value to both the scientific community and the wider population for many years to come.



RTIC combines local healthcare services and research facilities

# Education and Training

## EDUCATION

Since its foundation in 1960, the Mahidol Bangkok School of Tropical Medicine (Mahidol BSTM) has developed into a central hub for tropical medicine education in the ASEAN region. The School offers 8 (to be 10 in the second half of 2014) courses ranging from postgraduate diploma level to PhD level in a range of tropical medicine-related fields. In the past academic year, 190 students were enrolled at Mahidol BSTM. The School aims to equip clinicians, researchers, and other health personnel with the tools to develop their careers and to make a positive impact on healthcare problems in the tropics and beyond. In 2013, 40 students graduated from the School and moved on to careers in public and private sector healthcare services, consulting, national and international agencies, and research institutions in Thailand, Asia, and beyond. The School is now looking to expand, and over the past year, the School has made a concerted effort to make it easier for international students to study at BSTM, having set up a range of partial and full scholarships available for AEC member countries. Communication channels have improved, and the application process and administrative processes have been streamlined. Therefore, applying to, and studying at the School as an international student have become even more attractive.

Mahidol BSTM is proud of its close relationship and collaboration with the Faculty's researchers and the Hospital for Tropical Diseases. Students are in an environment where clinical cases of the various diseases studied are daily events, offering them valuable practical experience unavailable in most places. The relatively small size of the School compared with the number of researchers at the Faculty has the added advantage of providing a closer relationship with their supervisors, and a large pool of expertise to draw on. The Faculty's extensive network in Thailand also allows students unique fieldwork opportunities in endemic areas around the border regions of Thailand.

One of the highlights of the past year has been the introduction of two new programs at the School, the Diploma and MSc programs in Biomedical and Health Informatics. These are cross-disciplinary courses developed in collaboration between the Department of Tropical Hygiene and BIOPHICS. The course combines statistical and medical disciplines to teach students to plan, monitor, and evaluate population health, and epidemiological models from a statistical perspective. Successful implementation of public-health programs depends on accurate monitoring and statistical modeling of the spread and impact of disease, and as our technological capabilities to capture complex information from our surroundings increase, the role of biostatisticians will become even more important. BIOPHICS has led the development of bioinformatics in Thailand, and BSTM is lucky to be able to provide students with the unique expertise and experience obtained through their work. The feedback from the first cohort of students has been extremely positive so far, and we are proud to be able to offer these unique courses at the School.

Next year will see the introduction of two new programs at the School – Diploma and MSc programs in School Health. The prevention of disease by effective education at an early age makes an enormous impact in society. These programs aim to give health professionals, teachers, and social workers a unique chance to specialize in health promotion in a school



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Deputy Dean for Education

setting, by developing their knowledge about disease control, school safety, environmental impact assessment, and school health research. This course has been under development for several years, and the School has started accepting applications for the start of the semester in August.

## STUDENT LIFE

Student life at BSTM offers an excellent academic environment at a campus located in the heart of Bangkok, with a wide selection of cultural and entertainment opportunities. The Hospital for Tropical Diseases and the various Departments are all located on the same campus, making student life very convenient from the start. Thanks to the proximity to the research departments there is a constant stream of presenters, guest lectures, and other academic events going on within walking distance. The University offers affordable student accommodation on campus, and there are a myriad of choices in the nearby areas. Student Affairs organize various activities, cultural events, and workshops throughout the year, ranging from cooking classes to specialized software courses, and if you venture beyond campus, Bangkok can offer everything that a global metropolis should.

## Enrolment numbers in each FTM course

YEAR 2013	
D.T.M. & H.	19
M.C.T.M.	9
M.C.T.M. (Trop.Ped.)	2
M.Sc.(TM)	51
Ph.D.(TM)	86
D.B.H.I.	0
M.Sc.(BHI)	14
Ph.D.(CTM)	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>190</b>

## TRAINING

Further to the postgraduate and diploma courses offered by the Mahidol BSTM, the Faculty of Tropical Medicine organizes a wide variety of training courses throughout the year, reflecting the various specializations of the Faculty's departments and centers. Twelve courses were held in 2013, with a total of 250 participants from 20 countries. Some courses are recurring events, such as the School Health and Nutrition Programme in Asia, which has an excellent reputation, and which is being expanded into a course at Mahidol BSTM starting next year. Others are newly developed initiatives such as the Training Course on Management of Malaria, which was designed in cooperation with WHO to improve the capacity to manage malaria in the Southeast Asian Region. All courses are organized or co-organized by departments at the Faculty, and are attended by public-health professionals and clinicians from around the world. The courses constitute a crucial component in the skill development of professionals in the region.

COURSE/WORKSHOP	PARTICIPANTS	ORGANIZED BY	COLLABORATION
Training Course on HIV/AIDS for Programme Officers	5	FTM	Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)
Wellcome Trust Advanced Courses: Genomic Epidemiology of Malaria	25	MORU	
2nd Training Course on School Health and Nutrition in South East Asia	42	Lao MOE and MOH	FTM
Training Course on Tropical Medicine for Lao Doctors	5	FTM	Princess Sirindhorn Project
Training on Tropical Medicine for Tokyo University	5	FTM	Tokyo University
Elective Program in Tropical Medicine	11	FTM	
Epidemiology of Tropical Diseases	6	FTM	
Elective Program in Tropical Medicine	28	FTM	
International Training on Dengue	27	TCISTP/FTM	Thailand Chapter of the International Society of Tropical Pediatrics
Training Course on Management of Malaria	45	FTM	WHO Collaborating Center for Malaria
Training on Global Infectious Diseases Control	6	FTM	Tokyo Metropolitan Government
3rd Annual Training Course on School Health and Nutrition Programme in Asia	45	FTM	Pollution Control Department/ Japan Consortium for Global School Health Research/ JICA/Asian Center of International Parasite Control (ACIPAC)

A summary of the professional training opportunities provided by FTM and partners

# The Year in Review

**April** – In April 2013, the Hospital for Tropical Diseases moved into the new Rajanagarindra Building – one of the Faculty's largest investments to date, and a significant upgrade in space and facilities. The new building houses the Hospital, including the Travel Clinic, the Central Laboratory Unit, and the Silom Community Clinic.

**May** – On 16 May, Dean Yaowalark Sukthana hosted the first 'Meet the Dean' event. These meetings occur regularly throughout the year, and are run in a very open format. They allow the student body to ask any questions they have about the University, and also provide a forum for feedback or suggestions on any topic about the Faculty.

**June** – on 3-4 June, Dean Yaowalark and Assoc. Prof. Pornthep Chantavanich co-chaired a workshop on 'Travel Safety and Essential First Aid'. The workshop helped to share and update travel-medicine knowledge with tourism entrepreneurs and tour guides. This workshop was sponsored by the Ministry of Tourism and Sports, in cooperation with the Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University, and the Thai Society of Travel Medicine.

**July** - The Suphapimol family and Mr. Rien generously donated 400,000 Baht to support the construction and fit-out of the Hospital for Tropical Diseases. A ceremony was held in the Bunditnaenaew Building at FTM.

**August** – During 5-9 August, the Faculty, in association with the Thailand Chapter of the International Society of Tropical Pediatrics (TCISTP), conducted the International Training Course on Dengue. It was attended by medical personnel from 12 countries, and covered topics on the epidemiology, management, and control of dengue.

**September** – the 7<sup>th</sup> World Melioidosis Congress was held between 18-20 September, and included a pre-conference field trip to Sappasithiprasong Hospital, in Ubon Ratchathani Province. Keynote speakers included Assoc. Prof. Direk Limmathurotsakul of the Department of Tropical Hygiene, and Dr. Sophon Mekthong, Deputy Permanent Secretary for Public Health, Ministry of Public Health, Thailand.



*The Rajanagarindra Building, the new home for TropMed's Hospital for Tropical Diseases*



*Participants in the International Training Course on Dengue*



*Professor Rajata Rajatanavin, President of Mahidol University, gives the opening address at JITMM 2013*

**October** – Between 7-18 October, FTM and SEAMEO ran the Regional Course on Advanced Epidemiology. The training provided background knowledge on different epidemiologic study designs, as well as their applications and limitations. The course also dealt with the application of statistics and other methods to expand the scope, validity and applications of studies. The course was highly successful and was attended by health professionals from 9 countries.

**November** – The Global Infectious Diseases Control Training Course was held in conjunction with the Ministry of Public Health, Thailand. The 2-week course was offered to doctors, nurses and medical staff, and was attended by participants from two countries.

**December** – JITMM 2013 was held between 11-13 December, with the theme 'Towards Global Health: an Asian Paradigm of Tropical Medicine.' Over 600 delegates saw presentations by keynote speakers Dr. Suwit Wibulpolprasert, Dr. Louis Miller, and Prof. Dr. Stephen Ward.

**January 2014** – During the political protests and disruption in Bangkok, the Hospital remained open and security measures were put into place to ensure that all essential healthcare services were provided continuously.

**February** – Assoc. Prof. Pongrama Ramasoota received the Outstanding Research Award from the National Research Council of Thailand for his research *“Therapeutic and Diagnostic Monoclonal Antibodies Against Tropical Diseases”*

**March** – On 11 March, the Hospital for Tropical Diseases was formally awarded Hospital Accreditation (HA) by the Healthcare Accreditation Institute of Thailand – recognition for a decade-long process of quality and safety improvement at the Hospital. The Hospital Director, Assoc. Prof. Udomsak Silachamroon received the certificate from HRH Princess Soamsawali, in a ceremony held at IMPACT Arena, Muang Thong Thani, in Bangkok.



*Assoc. Prof. Pongrama Ramasoota at the award ceremony*



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### THE OFFICE OF THE DEAN (OOD)

**The** Office of the Dean is managed by the Secretary of the Faculty, Assistant Professor Kasinee Buchachart, who also serves as Assistant to the Dean for Student Affairs and Special Activities. It is the administrative nerve center of the Faculty, and it supports the Faculty's activities through a broad range of services. The office is divided into eight functional units:

- Administration and General Affairs
- Human Resources
- Finance
- Procurement
- Educational Technology
- Information Technology
- Asset Management
- Legal and Property

Together, these units enable the Faculty's operations to run smoothly by ensuring legal compliance, effective financial management, administrative and infrastructural support, and other specialist expertise.



## OFFICE OF EDUCATIONAL ADMINISTRATION (OEA)

The Office of Education Administration (OEA) coordinates all educational curriculums that the Faculty of Tropical Medicine offers. Our responsibilities fall under eight main categories:

**Documents and General Administration:** We manage all documents and registration forms, as well as perform administrative tasks such as producing handouts and photocopies. We also facilitate communication, both internal and external. Finally, we organize the opening and closing ceremonies for all courses.

**Finance and Procurement:** In terms of financial matters, the OEA is responsible for developing the yearly financial plan as well as organizing our various fundraisers. We handle all accounting, invoices, receipts, and inventory maintenance.

**Corporate Communication:** We produce the School Public Relations plan that covers all communication between the School and the general public. We handle all e-mail correspondence regarding international program information, provide advice to prospective students, and update the information on the school website. We also manage application submissions and verify enrollment of foreign applicants, as well as coordinate regular events such as our open house and road shows.

**Teaching and Learning Coordination:** The OEA not only manages student course registration, we also coordinate all teaching and classroom timetables. We handle remuneration for all internal and external lecturers. The OEA organizes special events, such as guest lectures and student academic forums. We also produce the Student Manual.

**Registration and Teaching-Learning Evaluation:** We manage all student records as well as maintain a comprehensive school student database, which includes both current students and alumni. As we strive to provide a high-quality education at TropMed, one of our most important responsibilities is facilitating the teacher and course evaluations, which are used to improve the quality of teaching at the Faculty. In addition, we assist students to develop their research projects, as well as manage on ongoing projects.

**Laboratory and Audio-visual Media:** The OEA coordinates all management and maintenance for laboratory facilities and equipment used as tools for teaching and training

**Educational Quality Development:** We organize all Education Assessment Reports and exam paper collection. We also identify and report any educational risk factors that may prohibit our students from receiving a proper education. Finally, we organize laboratory field trips and ensure they are in accordance with the TropMed educational standards.

**Student's activity and Student's service:** To assist our students and add enjoyment to their experience of studying in Bangkok, we develop and implement an action plan for various student activities. We coordinate all student events such as community service projects, "Freshy" Day, the Welcome field trip, MU International Day, and various sporting events. The OEA organizes cultural ceremonies, like Wai Khru Day, and other ceremonies, like convocation. We document all of these events by taking photos. We also make the Tropmed International Student Guide, which provides practical information to international students, by informing them about health service centers, visa assistance, and other information about additional student funding sources.



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## OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION (OIC)

The Office of International cooperation (OIC) is responsible for coordinating TropMed's many different international partnerships. The Dean has emphasized that collaborative studies and the sharing of knowledge will benefit the sciences as a whole, and so society in general. This means that there are many projects such as collaborations with other leading research institutions, visiting lecturers, and public relations under the control of the OIC. The services provided by the OIC are broken down into five main areas:

**International Training/Attachment** is responsible for various training and networking opportunities, including:

- Short Training Courses
- Study Visits and Tours
- Research Attachments
- Elective and Rotation Programs
- Meetings, Workshops and Seminars
- International Volunteering

The **Local International Center** coordinates several international collaborations, such as:

- SEAMEO TROPMED Thailand
- MORU
- Malaria Consortium
- Silom Clinic @ Tropmed
- SEAMEO TROPMED Network
- WWARN
- Osaka University

**International Public Relations and ICT Readiness** is in charge of communicating with the international community though:

- International Visibility
- News & Announcements
- Domestic Stakeholder Services
- International Marketing
- International Operators
- International Special Events
- International Customer Services

This unit is also responsible for compiling and maintaining databases of different training opportunities, visitors and MOUs.

**International Cooperation and Special Projects** are responsible for coordinating many different international partnerships, including:

- MOU/Agreement
- International Visitors
- International Support Funds
- OIC's Organization Development
- International Advisor/Consultant
- International Academic Peers
- Special Project/Collaborations
- Annual Administrative Report

**Administrative Affairs** is concerned with many different areas, such as:

- Office Administration
- Cultural Study/Hospitality
- Routine Correspondence
- VISA and passport assistance
- International Scholarships
- Visiting Professors
- Recommendation letters
- Documentary Management



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## OFFICE OF RESEARCH SERVICES (ORS)

The office of research services coordinates and supports research at TropMed in several different ways. Mrs. Pornpimon Adams oversees six different units, which each play a vital role in the ongoing research at the faculty.

**Research Administration** has two major roles within the faculty, English editing and grant management. Relevant parties are notified on the release of grant opportunities, and the office works closely with researchers to prepare and submit both domestic and international grant applications. They also provide help with the post award stage. English editing is also available to staff and students for items including journal manuscripts, thesis abstracts, communications and reports.

**The Ethics Committee Secretariat** is the communication channel between the ethics committee and applicants. They are responsible for ensuring all paperwork is submitted correctly, and that applicants are notified of decisions made by the committee. The Secretariat office also deals with all necessary paperwork to maintain Federalwide assurance.

**Database and IT management** are responsible for all computer programming and software installation needs. They maintain the databases on the many researchers and projects occurring at FTM. The unit can also set up video conferencing, and keeps the ORS website up to date.

**Conference and Event Planning** are responsible for organizing and hosting various domestic and international conferences throughout the year. The largest of these, JITMM, received over 700 delegates in 2013. The unit also coordinates other events, including training workshops, guest speakers and other presentations.

### **Publications and Graphic Design**

This unit provides design and layout services for a range of publications. They have been instrumental in dealing with posters and promotional material, notifications for upcoming events and publications such as this review.

**Bio-Safety** is the newest unit at ORS, having been created in the last 12 months. The unit is responsible for monitoring the use of pathogens and other dangerous organisms at FTM. They also work closely with the ethics committee, to ensure that methods are followed to minimize the chance of injury or illness to staff working with these dangerous pathogens.



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## OFFICE OF POLICY AND STRATEGIC PLANNING (OPS)

The Office of Policy and Strategic Planning is headed by Prof. Rungsun Tungtrongchitr , the Dean for Central Management, and Ms. Yaowapa Pratoomsuwan. It carries out a range of activities which are very important to the successful running of TropMed. The six staff work in three key areas, planning and policy development, database and quality assurance and budgeting and finance. The work carried out in these areas is outlined here.

### Planning and Policy Development

- Writing all administrative strategies of the Faculty.
- Monitoring, reporting, and carrying out institutional research.
- Writing the HR manpower plan.
- Analyzing the Faculty structure, in terms of establishment and collaboration efforts.
- Coordinate and negotiate business-related budgets and host international academic meetings.
- To execute the project of Routine to Research (R to R)
- Coordinating the seminar for organization development.

### Database and Quality Assurance

- Writing the Self-Assessment Report (SAR) of the Faculty in accordance with Educational Criteria for Performance Excellence
- Coordinating Faculty surveys.
- Facilitating the recoding and monitoring of data at Mahidol University.
- Maintaining the Office of Strategic planning and Policy Website.

### Budgeting and Finance

- Governmental support budget.
- Writing the annual expense proposal and 4-year investment plan.
- Writing the budget action plan.



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### DEPARTMENT OF TROPICAL HYGIENE

#### INTERNATIONAL ORAL PRESENTATION

1. Kulrat C, Yimsamran S, Sa-Angchai P and Rukmanee N. Oral Presentation by "Ms. Chotipa Kulrat". Application of remote sensing technology for the classification of malaria risk areas in a Thai-Myanmar border Province. Geoinformatics, LST, MODIS, NDVI. Joint International Tropical Medicine Meeting 2013 (JITMM 2013) "Towards Global Health: an Asian Paradigm of Tropical Medicine" Centara Grand & Bangkok Convention Centre at CentralWorld, Bangkok, Thailand.

#### INTERNATIONAL POSTER PRESENTATION

1. Thanyavanich N, Lawpoolsri S, Yimsamram S, Puangsa-art S, Maneeboonyang W, Chavez IF, Wuthisen P, Charusabha C, Rukmanee P, Prommongkol S, Rukmanee N and Chaimungkun W. Poster Presentation by "Mr. Nipon Thanyavanich". Prevalence and impact of intestinal parasitic infections in pregnant women in 3 health centers along the Thai-Myanmar border, Suan Phung district, Ratchaburi province: Field base study. Joint International Tropical Medicine Meeting 2013 (JITMM 2013) "Towards Global Health: an Asian Paradigm of Tropical Medicine" Centara Grand & Bangkok Convention Centre at CentralWorld, Bangkok, Thailand.

## LIST OF PRESENTATIONS

### DEPARTMENT OF TROPICAL NUTRITION AND FOOD SCIENCE

#### INTERNATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

1. Suthangkornkul R, Sirichaiyakul P, Thepouyporn A, Sungvornyothin S, Arthan D. Identification of plant natural products with inhibition of recombinant mosquito alpha-glucosidase. The 8<sup>th</sup> International symposium of the protein society of Thailand 5-7 August 2013, at Chulabhorn Research Institute convention center.
2. Thepouyporn A, Sirichaiyakul P, Suthangkornkul R, Tamaki O, Matsuura Y, Takeda N, Arthan D, Expression and characterization of the antimicrobial peptide gambicin from *Culex quinquefasciatus*. Joint International Medicine Meeting (JITMM 2013) 11-13 December 2013 at Centara Grand Hotel.
3. Jintaridth P, Tungtrongchitr R, Preutthipan S, Mutirangura A. Hypomethylation of *Alu* Elements in post-menopausal women with osteoporosis. Joint International Medicine Meeting (JITMM 2013) 11-13 December 2013 at Centara Grand Hotel.
1. Jintaridth P, Tungtrongchitr R, Preutthipan S, Mutirangura A. Hypomethylation of *Alu* Elements in post-menopausal women with osteoporosis. The 4<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Nutrition and Physical Activity (NAPA) 2013 in Aging, Obesity and Cancer.

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#### NATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

1. Aroonnuat A, Pipatthana M, Maryoon P, Janvilisri T, Chankhamhaengdecha S, panbangred W. Isolation and identification of antimicrobial compound from bifidobacterium with inhibitory activity against *Clostridium difficile*. TRF Meeting 2013.
2. Palakul K<sup>1</sup>, Songmuaeng K, Sutthisai N<sup>3</sup>, Wisetsing P<sup>4</sup>, Pojjaroenanant C<sup>5</sup>. Innovation of machine for producing sesame oil by combining of hydraulic pressure and cultural methods of Mae Hong Sorn province. 5<sup>th</sup> Chamchuri Conference 2-4 April 2013, Pullman Bangkok, King Power Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand.
3. Palakul K<sup>1</sup>, Wisetsing P, Songmuaeng K, Komalamisra N<sup>1</sup>, Yimsumran S<sup>4</sup>, Pojjaroenanant P<sup>5</sup>, Apiwathnasorn C<sup>1</sup>. Alternative mosquitoes repellent. 5<sup>th</sup> Chamchuri Conference 2-4 April 2013, Pullman Bangkok, King Power Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand.

### DEPARTMENT OF TROPICAL PATHOLOGY

#### INTERNATIONAL POSTER PRESENTATIONS

1. Maneerat Y, Benjathamaraksa S, Eshita Y, Kumsiri R, Wetchabut K, Nuamtanong S, Kalambaheti T, Waikagul J. Down regulation of NKG2D and Fc gamma receptor I in peripheral blood mononuclear cells induced by excretory secretory antigens from the third stage *Gnathostoma spinigerum* larvae (L3), 15<sup>th</sup> International Congress of Immunology, Milan, Italy, 22-27 August 2013.
  2. Wilainam P, Nintasen R, Wilairatana P, Viriyavejakul P, Activation of mast cells in the skin of *P. falciparum* patients. Joint International Tropical Medicine Meeting, Centara Grand & Bangkok Convention Centre at Central World, 11-13 December 2013.
  3. Ritthisunthorn N, Maneewatch S, Adisakwattana P, Chairsi U, Kalambaheti T, Saengjaruk P. Evaluation of IgM/IgG antibodies specific LipL32 domain(s) for development of early-phase serodiagnosis of human leptospirosis. Joint International Tropical Medicine Meeting, Centara Grand & Bangkok Convention Centre at Central World, 11-13 December 2013.
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# Research in Progress

## FACULTY OF TROPICAL MEDICINE RESEARCH PROJECTS Fiscal Year 2013 (1 October 2012 - 30 September 2013)

No.	Research Title	Grant	Principal investigator
<b>DEPARTMENT OF CLINICAL TROPICAL MEDICINE</b>			
1	A phase III trial of Aventis Pasteur live recombinant ALVAC-HIV (vCP1521) priming with VaxGen gp120 B/E (AIDSVAX B/E) boosting in HIV-uninfected Thai adults (Clinic)	The Henry M. Jackson Foundation for The Advancement of Military Medicine, Inc. and The Government of Thailand Ministry of Public Health	Prof. Punnee Pitisuttithum
2	A worldwide, phase I, dose-escalating study of the safety, tolerability, and immunogenicity of a three-dose regimen of MRKA5HIV-1 gag vaccine in healthy adults	Merck & Co., Inc	Prof. Punnee Pitisuttithum
3	Measurement of anogenital wart burden, and cost of illnesses in Bangkok	Merck Research Foundation	Prof. Punnee Pitisuttithum
4	The research project for technology transfer of chronic lymphede treatment targeting at medical, public health, and community personnel in Thailand Southern Border Regions	Government Budget	Dr. Wichai Ekataksin
5	Effect of primaquine and its metabolite on the infectivity of <i>P. falciparum</i> gametocyte	Wellcome Trust of Great Britain	Assoc. Prof. Kesinee Chotivanich
6	Bioequivalence study of 4 mg Perindopril tablets preparations in healthy Thai male volunteers	International Bio Service Co., Ltd	Assist. Prof. Weerapong Phumratanaprapin
7	<i>In vivo</i> bioequivalence study of 160 mg Fenofibrate film-coated tablet preparation in healthy Thai male volunteers	International Bio Service Co., Ltd	Asst. Prof. Weerapong Phumratanaprapin
8	Rabies exposure risk among foreign backpackers from non-ASEAN countries traveling in Southeast Asia	N/A	Dr. Watcharapong Piyaphanee
9	VNTR-based PCR (VNTR Typing for <i>Plasmodium falciparum</i> and <i>Plasmodium vivax</i> )	BIOTECH	Assoc. Prof. Mallika Imwong
10	Molecular characterization of drug resistance in the human malaras	Intermediate level fellowship, Welcome Trust of Great Britain	Assoc. Prof. Mallika Imwong
11	Safety and efficacy study of Impomea pes-caprae ointment produced by Faculty of Tropical Medicine	Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University	Dr. Watcharapong Piyaphanee
12	A randomized, international, double-blinded (With In-House Blinding), controlled With GARDASILTM, dose-ranging, tolerability, immunogenicity, and efficacy study of a multivalent human papillomavirus (HPV) L1 virus-like particle (VLP) vaccine administered to 16 to 26 year old women	MSD ( Thailand)	Prof. Punnee Pitisuttithum

No.	Research Title	Grant	Principal investigator
<b>DEPARTMENT OF CLINICAL TROPICAL MEDICINE (Continued)</b>			
13	Detection of artemisinin resistance <i>P. falciparum</i> : <i>in vitro</i>	Mahidol-Oxford Tropical Medicine Research Unit	Assoc. Prof. Kesinee Chotivanich
14	A phase III clinical trial to study the immunogenicity, tolerability, and manufacturing consistency of V503 (A multivalent human papillomavirus [HPV] L1 virus-like particle [VLP] vaccine) in preadolescents and adolescents (9 to 15 year olds) with a comparison to young woman (6 to 26 year olds)	Merck & Co., Inc	Prof. Punnee Pitisuttithum
15	Safety, immunogenicity and efficacy studies of WRSS1, a live attenuated <i>Shigella sonnei</i> vaccine candidate, in healthy Thai adults	Merck & Co., Inc	Prof. Punnee Pitisuttithum
16	Novel invention of induced pluripotent stem cells for prediction of drug toxicity in human	Government Budget	Assist. Prof. Apichart Nontprasert
17	The efficacy of moisturizing lotion with Licochalcone in treatment of dryskin and Pruritus in end-stage renal disease patients	Department of Clinical Tropical Medicine, Faculty of Tropical Medicine	Dr. Vorada Choovichian
18	Incidence and spectrum of health problems among travels to Lao PDR	Department of Clinical Tropical Medicine and Travel Medicine Unit	Dr. Watcharapong Piyaphanee
19	The efficacy of antimalarial treatment for <i>Plasmodium vivax</i> at Thai -Cambodia border, Thailand.	Dean's Research Fund, Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University	Dr. Prakaykaew Charunwatthana
20	Efficacy of moisturizing lotion containing Licochalcone for xerosis in chronic hemodialysis [HD] patients: a double blinded randomized-intra-individual comparator controlled study: a pilot study	Department of Clinical Tropical Medicine and DKSH	Dr. Vorada Choovichian
21	Etiology and outcome of acute fever cases attending Hospital for Tropical Diseases	Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University	Dr. Viravarn Luvira
22	Plasma antioxidant power and vitamin C level in patients with dengue infection	Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University	Dr. Borimas Hanboonkunupakarn
23	The study of chronic kidney disease in elderly	Mahidol University (Government Budget)	Asst. Prof. Weerapong Phumratanapapin
24	The efficacy antimalarial <i>Plasmodium vivax</i> patient	Mahidol University (Government Budget)	Dr. Prakaykaew Charunwatthana
25	Influenza vaccine in elderly	Mahidol University (Government Budget)	Prof. Punnee Pitisuttithum
26	Hemodynamic parameters in adult patients with dengue	Dean's Research Fund, Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University	Dr. Vipa Thanachartwet

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<b>DEPARTMENT OF CLINICAL TROPICAL MEDICINE (Continued)</b>			
27	Measurement of hemoglobin in adult patients with dengue viral infection using non-invasive method	Dean's Research Fund, Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University	Dr. Supat Chamnanchanunt
28	Causative agents of fever among patients presenting at urban Thai hospital	Dean's Research Fund, Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University	Assist. Prof. Udomsak Silachamroon
<b>DEPARTMENT OF HELMINTHOLOGY</b>			
1	Study on <i>Paragonimus</i> population: morphology, molecular biology, enzymology and epidemiology aspects	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Assoc. Prof. Jitra Waikagul
2	Genetic variation and population structure studies of fish-borne trematodes for increasing control impact of opisthorchiasis and cholangiocarcinoma	The Thailand Research Fund	Assoc. Prof. Jitra Waikagul
3	<i>Angiostrongylus cantonensis</i> in freshwater snails collected from 18 different localities of Thailand: prevalence and parasitic burden, biochemical components, antigenicity and population genetics	Government Budget	Assoc. Prof. Chalit Komalamisra
4	Study on the recombinant proteins expressed from Mucin-1 gene of <i>Toxocara canis</i> in prokaryotic and eukaryotic cells for diagnosis of human toxocariasis	Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University	Dr. Dorn Watthanakulpanich
5	Analysis of an electro-eluted antigen (< 30 kDa) of <i>Strongyloides stercoralis</i> infective larvae using IgG1-4 –ELISA for diagnosis of strongyloidiasis	Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University	Mr. Wallop Pakdee
6	Health status of immigrant children and environmental survey of the children day care centre in Samutsakorn province	Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University	Mr. Surapol Sanguankiat
7	Identification and characterization of <i>Trichinella spiralis</i> -derived immunomodulatory molecules for novel therapies of inflammatory diseases	Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University	Dr. Poom Adisakwattana
8	Experimental co-infection study of high virulence pathogenic <i>Leptospira</i> in helminth infected hamster	Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University	Mr. Kittipong Chaisiri
9	Development of effective immunodiagnosis for detection gnathostomiasis by using recombinant cathepsin L.	Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University	Mrs. Supaporn Nuamtanong
10	Proteomics studies of cytoplasmic membrane proteins expressed on TNF- $\alpha$ induced cholangiocarcinoma cell line	The Thailand Research Fund, Commission on Higher Education and Mahidol University	Dr. Poom Adisakwattana

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<b>DEPARTMENT OF HELMINTHOLOGY (Continued)</b>			
11	Development of technique of discriminating species and estimating numbers of metacercariae of fish-borne trematodes in an area of mixed infection between Opisthorchiid liver flukes and Heterophyid intestinal flukes by using multiplex real-time PCR	The Thailand Research Fund, Commission on Higher Education and Mahidol University	Dr. Urusa Thaenkham
12	Production of recombinant Cathepsin L from <i>Paragonimus pseudoheterotremus</i> for diagnostic development of paragonimiasis	The Thailand Research Fund and Mahidol University	Dr. Tippayarat Yoonuan
13	Separation of <i>Toxocara</i> excretory-secretory antigens as a diagnostic antigens for human toxocarasis	National Science and Technology Development Agency	Dr. Dorn Wathanakulpanich
14	Development of multiplex PCR for detection of soil-transmitted helminthes in human stool samples	Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University	Ms. Orawan Phuphisut
15	Proteomics and immunomics analysis of excretory-secretory products from infective <i>Gnathostoma spinigerum</i> for development of immunodiagnosis	Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University	Mrs. Supaporn Nuamtanong
16	Pilot study: community-based comprehensive, multi-disciplinary surveillance of enteric/food and waterborne pathogens in Kanchanaburi and Nakhon Pathom Provinces, Thailand. (Pathogenic intestinal parasites, bacteria, enteric virus and insects)	Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University	Assoc. Prof. Chalit Komalamisra
17	Transcriptomics and proteomics analysis of potential secretory proteins of <i>Schistosoma Mekongi</i> for development of immunodiagnosis and vaccine	Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University	Dr. Poom Adisakwattana
<b>DEPARTMENT OF MEDICAL ENTOMOLOGY</b>			
1	Feeding behavior, ecological studies, and molecular identification of <i>Anopheles dirus</i> complex in man-habitat	Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University	Dr. Sungsit Sungwornyothin
2	Classification of medical arthropod vectors in Thailand by DNA barcode	Government Budget	Dr. Jiraporn Ruangsittichai
3	Study of genetic variation for identification of mosquitoes in Thailand by molecular techniques	The Thailand Research Fund	Dr. Jiraporn Ruangsittichai
4	Tropic behavior and ecological characteristics of <i>Anopheles dirus</i> complex in man-made habitat	The Thailand Research Fund	Dr. Sungsit Sungwornyothin
5	DNA barcode: the technical challenge for <i>Anopheles</i> mosquito blood meal identification to reverse host from laboratory model versus field.	Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University	Dr. Patchara Srivichai
6	Climate changes effects on mosquito-borne viruses maintenance : dynamic population of the vectors of dengue and Chikungunya viruses	Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University	Dr. Ronald Enrique Morales Vargas

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DEPARTMENT OF MEDICAL ENTOMOLOGY (Continued)			
7	Effect of temperature on development and insecticide susceptibility of dengue vectors.	Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University	Assoc. Prof. Narumon Komalamisra
8	Comparison and evaluation of Loop-mediated isothermal amplification (LAMP) and RT-PCR as diagnostic tool for dengue virus detection in <i>Aedes</i> among epidemic area	Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University	Dr. Rawewan Srisawat
9	Application of morphometrics and molecular biology to identify <i>Ae. scutellaris</i> in Thailand	Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University	Dr. Suchada Samruaypol
10	Quantitative transovarial transmission to dengue-2 virus in both sexes of dark- and pale-form <i>Ae. aegypti</i>	Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University	Mr. Teerawit Panpoowong
11	Proteomic profile associated with pyrethroid resistance in <i>Ades aegypti</i>	The Thailand Research Fund and Mahidol University	Dr. Rawewan Srisawat
12	The effects of different temperatures on the interaction between <i>Aedes</i> Mosquitoes and dengue virus especially viral susceptibility, dissemination, transmission and disease pathogenesis.	Dean's Research Fund, Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University	Assoc. Prof. Supatra Thongrunkiat
13	<i>Plasmodium knowlesi</i> the fifth species of human malaria : investigaton for mosquito vector in Thailand	The Thailand Research Fund, Commission on Higher Education and Mahidol University	Dr. Patchara Srivichai
14	Exploring transmission-blocking vaccine target in <i>Anopheles dirus</i> for inhibition of malaria transmission	Dean's Research Fund, Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University	Dr. Patchara Srivichai
15	Production and characterization of rhamnolipid, biosurfactant, trom <i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> B189 for mosquitoes control	Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University	Dr. Siriluck Attrapadung
16	Molecular identification of Endosymbiotic bacteria from Bat Bugs ( <i>Leptocimex inordinatus</i> )	Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University	Dr. Rutcharin Potiwat
17	The study of mosquito vectors emphasis on <i>Lorrainea</i> , <i>Sukusea</i> and <i>Stegomyia</i> inhabiting mangrove forest of Thailand by morphometrics and molecular biology	Mahidol University	Dr. Suchada Sumruaypol
18	Detection of viral disease and molecular distinguish of the natural Bat Bug species from the cave	Mahidol University	Dr. Rutcharin Potiwat
19	Stability enhancement of mosquito repellency from Zngthoxy limonella oil by using encapsulation technique	Mahidol University	Dr. Siriluck Attrapadung

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<b>DEPARTMENT OF MEDICAL ENTOMOLOGY (Continued)</b>			
20	Identification of transmission-blocking compounds from the Malaria Box	Dean's Research Fund, Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University	Dr. Suchada Sumruaypol
21	Herbal mosquito repellents masts	Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University	Mrs. Keawmala Palakul
22	A surveillance of Bat Bugs species and discovery of genetic relationships among human Bed Bug	Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University	Dr. Rutcharin Potiwat
<b>DEPARTMENT OF MICROBIOLOGY AND IMMUNOLOGY</b>			
1	Genetic polymorphisms in HIV infected patients receiving antiretroviral therapy	The Thailand Research Fund	Prof. Srisin Khusmith
2	Genotypic diversity and the ability to invade host cell among environmental <i>Legionella isolates</i> in Thailand	Government Budget	Assist. Prof. Tareerat Kalambaheti
3	Genetic diversity of <i>Brucella</i> strains isolated from cow and goat farm	Government Budget	Assist. Prof. Tareerat Kalambaheti
4	Associations between genetic polymorphisms, innate immune responses and outcomes from sepsis in Thai patients with melioidosis and <i>S. aureus</i> infection	Welcome Trust of Great Britain	Assist. Prof. Narisara Chantratita
5	Gemomic approaches to metabolite exploitation from <i>Xenorhabdus</i> , <i>Photorhabdus</i>	Johann Wolfgang Goethe Universtitaet Frankfurt Am Main	Assist. Prof. Narisara Chantratita
6	Holistic approach to malaria prevention and management: from bio-molecular to community research	The Commission on Higher Education (National Research University)	Prof. Srisin Khusmith
7	Roles of the secreted Twin-arginine translocation (TAT) protein and oxidoreductase of <i>Burkholderia pseudomallei</i> under salt stress.	Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University	Dr. Pornpan Pumirat
8	Inhibiton of <i>Aeromonas hemolysin</i> by monoclonal antibodies	Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University	Assist. Prof. Yuwadee Mahakunkijjaroen
9	The role of trehalase in stress response and virulence of <i>Burkholderia pseudomallei</i>	The Thailand Research Fund, Commission on Higher Education and Mahidol University	Dr. Muthita Vanaporn
10	Preparation of fully human monoclonal antibody to enterotoxin A (SEA) of <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> by using phage display technology for further developmetn to therapuetic antibody	The Thailand Research Fund, Commission on Higher Education and Mahidol University	Assist. Prof. Nitaya Indrawattana

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<b>DEPARTMENT OF MICROBIOLOGY AND IMMUNOLOGY (Continued)</b>			
11	Role of cycle inhibiting factor (Cif) in host protein expression and prevalence of Cif in <i>Burkholderia pseudomallei</i>	The Thailand Research Fund, Commission on Higher Education and Mahidol University	Dr. Pornpan Pumirat
12	Surveillance of emerging and re-emerging zoonotic diseases in wildlife and domestic animals in the areas of forest, residences, and agriculture interface in Thailand	Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University	Dr. Nathamon Kosoltanapiwat
13	<i>In vitro</i> activity of <i>Psidium guajava</i> crude extracts against clinically isolated pathogenic fungi	Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University	Assist. Prof. Natthanej Luplertlop
14	Immunoproteomics for identification of MHC class I-restricted epitopes of enterovirus 71	Dean's Research Fund, Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University	Dr. Nathamon Kosoltanapiwat
15	Ultrasonic observation and 'Omics technological application for invasive virulence factors identification, cytokines and secreted extracellular reactive oxygen species expression that provokes the pathogenesis of <i>Trichophyton rubrum</i> in primary dendritic cells and continuous monocyte derived cells model	Dean's Research Fund, Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University	Assist. Prof. Natthanej Luplertlop
16	The antibiotic resistance profile and its mechanisms in <i>Escherichia coli</i> and <i>Klebsiella pneumoniae</i> from hospital isolations in 2007-2012	Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University	Dr. Muthita Vanaporn
17	Detection of hepatitis E virus in raw pork, pig liver and pork products	Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University	Mr. Narin Thippornchai
18	Development of monoclonal antibody-based dot-blot ELISA for the detection of <i>Listeria monocytogenes</i> in food	Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University	Assist. Prof. Nitaya Indrawattana
19	Determination of antibody titer among children vaccinated with heptavalent pneumococcal conjugate vaccine by Opsonophagocytic Killing Assay	Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University	Assist. Prof. Tareerat Kalambaheti
20	The potential implications of Nisin in common dermatological problems on the <i>in vitro</i> characterizations	Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University	Assist. Prof. Natthanej Luplertlop
<b>DEPARTMENT OF MOLECULAR TROPICAL MEDICINE AND GENETICS</b>			
1	The qualification and quantification of proteins of mefloquine-sensitive and mefloquine-resistant <i>Plasmodium falciparum</i> using mass spectrometry.	Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University	Dr. Onrapak Riumthong

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<b>DEPARTMENT OF MOLECULAR TROPICAL MEDICINE AND GENETICS (Continued)</b>			
2	Optimization of protein sample preparation techniques for proteomic study of <i>Plasmodium vivax</i> in liver stage	Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University	Dr. Supachai Topanurak
3	The study of biotransformation of oseltamivir analogue by Carboxylesterase 1 (CES1).	Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University	Dr. Usa Dokprom
4	Proteomics profile of cholangiocarcinoma cell line treated with isoflavones and its derivatives	Mahidol University	Dr. Charin Thawornkuno
5	Molecular study of antimalarial drug target genes in <i>Plasmodium malariae</i> and <i>Plasmodium ovale</i> from infected patients in Thailand	The Thailand Research Fund, Commission on Higher Education and Mahidol University	Dr. Naowarat Tanomsing
6	Molecular detection of <i>Burkholderia pseudomallei</i> in crude soil sample for environmental survey	Li Ka Shing Foundation - University of Oxford Global Health Foundation	Assist. Prof. Piengchan Sonthayanon
7	The qualification and quantification of proteins of mefloquine resistant <i>Plasmodium falciparum</i>	Mahidol-Oxford Tropical Medicine Research Unit	Dr. Onrapak Riumthong
8	Molecular characterization of drug resistance in <i>P. vivax</i> .	Dean's Research Fund, Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University	Assoc. Prof. Mallika Imwong
9	Development of antigens-base immunodiagnosis test for acute febrile illness caused by <i>Leptospira</i> spp.	Dean's Research Fund, Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University	Dr. Santi Maneewatcharangsri
10	Identification of mass fingerprinting of <i>Leptospira</i> spp. using matrix assisted laser desorption/ionization time-of-flight mass spectrometry (MALDI-TOF MS)	The Thailand Research Fund, and Mahidol University	Assist. Prof. Piengchan Sonthayanon
11	Prevalence of pathogenic <i>Leptospira</i> spp. from rodents in Thailand	Dean's Research Fund, Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University	Assist. Prof. Piengchan Sonthayanon
12	Effect of additional mutation (Mahidol) in G6PD Viangchan	Dean's Research Fund, Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University	Dr. Usa Dokprom
13	Production of rapid immunoscreening test for detection of IgM and IgG antibody specific to LipL32 protein in acute leptospirosis	Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University	Ms. Nonglucksanawan Ritthisunthorn
14	Molecular epidemiology of drug resistance in human malaras in Thailand	Mahidol University (Government Budget)	Assoc. Prof. Mallika Imwong
15	Optimization of protein sample preparation techniques for proteomic study of <i>Plasmodium vivax</i> in liver stage	Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University	Dr. Supachai Topanurak

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<b>DEPARTMENT OF MOLECULAR TROPICAL MEDICINE AND GENETICS (Continued)</b>			
16	Development of magnetic nanoparticles as the prototype for the enrichment of <i>Leptospira</i> spp.	Dean's Research Fund, Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University	Dr. Charin Thawornkuno
17	Molecular characterization of antigenic surface protein genes of <i>Plasmodium malariae</i>	Dean's Research Fund, Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University	Dr. Naowarat Tanomsing
18	Discovery of essential host factors for the development of <i>P. falciparum</i> and <i>P. vivax</i> in liver stage	Dean's Research Fund, Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University	Dr. Supachai Topanurak
19	Expression profiling of reticulocyte binding proteins of <i>Plasmodium vivax</i>	Dean's Research Fund, Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University	Dr. Wang Nguitraoool
20	Elucidating the function of plasmodium perforin-like proteins in infection of <i>Anopheles</i> mosquitoes	Dean's Research Fund, Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University	Dr. Wang Nguitraoool
21	Transfection of liver-stage <i>Plasmodium vivax</i> for studies of parasite biology, drug screening, and vaccine development	The Thailand Research Fund	Dr. Wang Nguitraoool
22	Identification of novel biomarker genes for cholangiocarcinoma detection	Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University	Dr. Panee Chaksangchaichot
23	Molecular detection and typing of <i>Orientia tsutsugamushi</i> in chigger mites from wild-caught rodents in Thailand	Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University	Assist. Prof. Piengchan Sonthayanon
24	The identification and characterization of the target proteins of a candidate antimalarial drug	Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University	Dr. Onrapak Riumthong
<b>DEPARTMENT OF PROTOZOOLOGY</b>			
1	<i>Toxoplasma gondii</i> genotyping in domestic and wild felids in Thailand	Commission on Higher Education	Assoc. Prof. Yaowalark Sukthana
2	Molecular characterization of DNA polymerase $\delta$ of <i>Plasmodium falciparum</i> and its role in DNA replication and DNA repair	Biotech	Assoc. Prof. Porntip Petmitr
3	Molecular characterization of <i>Plasmodium falciparum</i> polynucleotide kinase	The Thailand Research Fund	Assoc. Prof. Porntip Petmitr
4	PCR assays for detection of <i>Toxoplasma gondii</i> in Thai commercial meat products	Mahidol University	Ms. Rachatawan Chiabchalard
5	Identifying the sources of environmental contamination by <i>Cryptosporidium</i>	The Thailand Research Fund	Assoc. Prof. Yaowalark Sukthana

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<b>DEPARTMENT OF PROTOZOLOGY (Continued)</b>			
6	Development of intestinal protozoan diagnosis by Multiplex Real Time PCR	The National Research Council of Thailand	Dr. Rachatwan Chiabchalard
7	Development of a loop-mediated isothermal amplification (LAMP) for rapid identification of <i>Naegleria fowleri</i>	Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University	Dr. Ongart Mahitikorn
8	Development of nested PCR and real-time PCR assays for diagnosis of <i>Plasmodium knowlesi</i>	Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University	Mr. Pongrut Ratprasert
9	Comparative proteomic study of <i>Entamoeba histolytica</i> and <i>Entamoeba moshkovskii</i> ; causative agent of human amoebiasis	The Thailand Research Fund, Commission on Higher Education and Mahidol University	Dr. Saengduen Moonsom
10	Development technique of differentiation of free-living <i>Amoebae</i>	The Thailand Research Fund	Assoc. Prof. Yaowalark Sukthana
11	The Role of marine bivalves as a sentinel organism for monitoring food- and water-borne Protozoa-related diseases in coastal waters	The Thailand Research Fund	Assoc. Prof. Yaowalark Sukthana
12	The detection and quantification of <i>Toxoplasma gondii</i> captive wildlife in Thailand	Department of Protozoology	Dr. Ongart Mahitikorn
13	Development of differential diagnosis of <i>Entamoeba histolytica</i> , <i>E. moskovskii</i> , and <i>E. dispar</i> by specific monoclonal antibodies	Dean's Research Fund, Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University	Dr. Saengduen Moonsom
14	The study of nutritional status, intestinal parasitic infection and antioxidant enzymes in children living in orphan house	Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University	Dr. Supaluk Popruk
<b>DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL MEDICINE</b>			
1	Development of microorganism killing activity for electronic air filter	The Thailand Research Fund	Assoc. Prof. Pongrama Ramasoota
2	Development of monoclonal antibody specific to 3 ABC protein of foot and mouth disease virus using phage display technology	The Thailand Research Fund	Assoc. Prof. Pongrama Ramasoota
3	Impact of temperature on <i>Schistosoma mansoni</i> infection in snail intermediate host <i>Biomphalaria glabrata</i> .	Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University	Dr. Yanin Limpanon
4	Effect of climate change on gastro-intestinal infectious diseases	The Commission on Higher Education (National Research University)	Assist. Prof. Suwalee Worakunpiset
5	Variable of infection rate of intermediated host of liver fluke, <i>Opisthorchis viverrini</i> at endemic areas in Chacheongsao Province, Thailand.	Department of Social and Environmental Medicine, Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University	Mrs. Yupa Chusongsang

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<b>DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL MEDICINE (Continued)</b>			
6	Therapeutic and diagnostic human monoclonal antibodies against Chikungunya virus.	Dean's Research Fund, Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University	Dr. Pannamtip Pitaksajakul
7	Public health assessment of the Nam Theun 2 hydroelectric dam, Laos	Bureau de Project de l' Institut Pasteur au Laos	Mrs. Pusadee Sri-aroon
8	Malacological investigation of Nam Theun 2 Hydroelectric Project in Khammouane Province, Central Lao PDR (Phasell)	Bureau de Project de l' Institut Pasteur au Laos	Mrs. Pusadee Sri-aroon
9	Recombinant human IgG monoclonal antibody production with cross-neutralizing activity to all serotypes of dengue virus	The Thailand Research Fund, Commission on Higher Education and Mahidol University	Dr. Pannamthip Pitaksajakul
10	Genetic variation of High susceptible and low susceptible snail intermediate host <i>Neotricula aperta</i> , from Mekong River, Nong Khai to blood fluke <i>Schistosoma mekongi</i>	The Thailand Research Fund, Commission on Higher Education and Mahidol University	Dr. Yanin Limpanon
11	Epitope mapping of neutralizing human monoclonal antibody against dengue viruses	The Thailand Research Fund and Mahidol University	Assoc. Prof. Pongrama Ramasoota
12	Dengue vaccine development based on epitope from human monoclonal antibodies that nutrallized all 4 serotype of dengue virus	National Research Consil of Thailand (NRCT)	Assoc. Prof. Pongrama Ramasoota
13	Social and environmental factors affecting the preventive behaviors of dengue hemorrhagic fever	Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University	Mr. Wiwat Wanarangsikul
14	Health risk assessment of heavy metals contamination in the environment near industrial estate area, Ayutthaya	Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University	Ms. Rachaneekorn Mingkhwan
15	Distribution and seasonal variation of <i>Neotricula aperta</i> , snail intermediate host of blood Fluke <i>Schistosoma mekongi</i> , along Mekong River, Thailand	Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University	Dr. Yanin Limpanon
16	Reduction of ADE activity for neutralizing human monoclonal antibody against dengue virus by Fc modification	Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University	Dr. Pannamthip Pitaksajakul
17	Assessment of the carcinogenic potential of chemicals release from plastic food containers and packaging through cell transformation assay	Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University	Assist. Prof. Suwalee Worakunpiset
18	Critical proteins of non-alcoholic fatty liver disease after bisphenol a exposure	Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University	Dr. Prapin Tharnpoophasiam
19	Development of rapid immunochromatography strip test for dengue virus	The Thailand Research Fund	Dr. Pannamthip Pitaksajakul
20	Development of competitive ELISA test for differentiate between foot and mouth disease infected animal from vaccinated animal	The Thailand Research Fund	Assoc. Prof. Pongrama Ramasoota

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<b>DEPARTMENT OF TROPICAL HYGIENE</b>			
1	A phase II, randomized, open label, multicentre study to assess the antimalarial efficacy and safety of arterolane (RBx11160) maleate and piperazine phosphate coadministration and coartem in patients with acute uncomplicated <i>Plasmodium falciparum</i> malaria	Ranbaxy Laboratories Ltd., India	Prof. Srivicha Krudsood
2	Evaluation of fosmidomycin, when administered concurrently to adult subjects with acute uncomplicated <i>Plasmodium malaria</i>	Jomaa Pharma GmbH, Hamburg, Germany	Prof. Srivicha Krudsood
3	Th1 and Th2 cytokine expression in common mosquito borne infected samples in Thailand	The Thailand Research Fund	Assist. Prof. Natthanej Luplerdlop
4	Proteomics characterization of <i>Aedes aegypti</i>	Bourse Scholarship, IRD, France	Assist. Prof. Natthanej Luplerdlop
5	Molecular techniques for identification of protective epitope and pathogenic peptides of LipL32 protein of <i>Leptospira</i> spp.	The Thailand Research Fund	Dr. Santi Maneewatchararangsi
6	Dynamics of microscopic and submicroscopic <i>P. falciparum</i> gametocytemia after early treatment of artesunate-mefloquine	The Thailand Research Fund	Dr. Saranath Lawpoolsri
7	Prevalence and impact of intestinal parasitic infections in pregnant women in 3 health centers along the Thai-Myanmar border, Suan Phung district, Ratchaburi province : Field base study	Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University	Mr. Nipon Thanyanich
8	Role of phosphoinositide 3-kinase and matrix metalloproteinases induce chronic arthritis in Chikungunya pathogenesis	Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University	Ms. Suntaree Sangmukdanun
9	Production of human VL complementary single-variable domain that interfere and/or neutralize IL-17 biological functions	Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University	Dr. Santi Maneewatchararangsi
10	Mathematical modeling of optimal combinations of dengue diagnosis strategies	The Thailand Research Fund, Commission on Higher Education and Mahidol University	Dr. Wirichada Panngam
11	Integrated studies of epidemiological, clinical, and biomolecular aspects of dengue virus	The Commission on Higher Education (National Research University)	Assoc. Prof. Pratap Singhasivanon
12	Comparative study on the recurrence of helminthiasis after selective treatment and mass treatment with single dose of 400 mg albendazole among hill-tribe Karens in border-line between Thailand and Myanmar, Amphoe Suanphung, Ratchaburi Province.	Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University	Mr. Wanchai Maneebunyang
13	Effect of land use change on malaria transmission in Suanphung district Ratchaburi.	Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University	Mr. Patiwat Sa-angchai

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<b>DEPARTMENT OF TROPICAL HYGIENE (Continued)</b>			
14	Surveillance and spatial-temporal distribution of Chikungunya and its impact among residents living in an area along Thai-Myanmar border of Ratchaburi province.	Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University	Mr. Pitak Wutisen
15	Study of lipopolysaccharide and biofilm formation in relapsing melioidosis	The Thailand Research Fund, Commission on Higher Education and Mahidol University	Assist. Prof. Direk Limmathurotsakul
16	Long-term continuous culture of <i>Plasmodium vivax</i> stages	University of South Florida, USA	Assoc. Prof. Pratap Singhasivanon/ Dr. Jetsumon Prachumsri
17	Diagnosis of ARF in severe malaria by neutrophil gelatinase-associated lipocalin (NGAL) and liver fatty acid binding proteins (L-FABP)	The National Research Council of Thailand	Prof. Srivicha Krudsood
18	Investigating urine protein markers in acute renal failure complicating severe malaria	The National Research Council of Thailand	Assist. Prof. Natthanej Lublertlop
19	Mathematical modeling to design a preparedness plan for the emergence of leptospirosis due to flooding and other environmental changes in Thailand.	Dean's Research Fund, Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University	Dr. Wirichada Panngam
20	Cell phone-based vaccination program for stateless children	Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation	Assist. Prof. Jaranit Kaewkungwal
21	Forecasting model of malaria incidence with climate variables: a case study in Ratchaburi, Thailand.	Mahidol University	Dr. Ngamphol Soonthornworasiri
22	Impact of diabetes mellitus on treatment response for tuberculosis among pulmonary tuberculosis patients in Upper North Thailand	Dean's Research Fund, Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University	Dr. Saranath Lawpoolsri
23	The comparative epidemiology of <i>P. falciparum</i> and <i>P. vivax</i> transmission in Papua New Guinea, Thailand and Brazil	Barcelona Center for International Health Research, Spain	Assoc. Prof. Pratap Singhasivanon/ Dr. Jetsumon Prachumsri
24	DENFREE-Dengue Research Framework for Resisting Epidemics in Europe	Institute Pasteur, France	Assoc. Prof. Pratap Singhasivanon
<b>DEPARTMENT OF TROPICAL NUTRITION AND FOOD SCIENCES</b>			
1	Determination of genes expression profile associated to the prognosis of breast cancer and cholangiocarcinoma using Affymetrix Gene Chip and development of diagnostic kits for prognostic detection of these cancers in Thai patients by real-time PCR technique	Government Budget	Prof. Songsak Petmitr
2	Development of health behaviors and nutritional status of the Tsunami victims in Phang-nga Province	Brescia University, Italy	Assoc. Prof. Karunee Kwanbunjan

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<b>DEPARTMENT OF TROPICAL NUTRITION AND FOOD SCIENCES (Continued)</b>			
3	Studies on toxicity of heme and oxidative stress after exposure of antimalarial drugs on mouse macrophage cell line (RAW264.7)	Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University	Ms. Kriyaporn Songmuang
4	Identification of plant natural products with inhibition of recombinant mosquito alpha-glucosidase	Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University	Assist. Prof. Damrongkiat Art-harn
5	DNA methylation signatures at interspersed repetitive sequences within the rat brain cell during aging	The Thailand Research Fund, Commission on Higher Education and Mahidol University	Dr. Pornrutsami Jintaridh
6	Screening and identification of antimicrobial compound from bifidobacterium with inhibitory activity against <i>Clostridium difficile</i>	The Thailand Research Fund, Commission on Higher Education and Mahidol University	Dr. Amornrat Aroonual
7	Effect of torvoside in cholesterol synthesis in HepG2 cells	The Vejdsut Foundation	Ms. Anong Kitjaroentharn
8	Diversities of related-genes and proteins in obese children with family history obese children with family history of obesity	Government Budget	Prof. Rungsun Tungtrinchitr
9	A novel solanum torvum GH3 beta-glucosidase: molecular characterization, physiological functions, structural elements responsible for its natural substrate specificity, its applications	Dean's Research Fund, Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University	Assist. Prof. Damrongkiat Art-harn
10	Effects of the weight loss program on anthropometric parameters, metabolic syndrome parameters and quantity of energy and nutrients intake among obese women	Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University	Assoc. Prof. Karanee Kwanbunjan
11	Study of gambicin: anti-microbial peptides from <i>Culex quinquefasciatus</i>	Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University	Ms. Apanchanid Thepouyporn
12	The study of methylation level in osteoporosis in menopause by pyrosequencing	Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University	Dr. Pornrutsami Jintaridh
13	Case control study of diet, lifestyle, insulin resistance, inflammatory markers, and risk of developing type-2 diabetes mellitus in rural Thais	Dean's Research Fund, Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University	Assoc. Prof. Karanee Kwanbunjan
14	Effect of lactic acid bacteria on immunomodulation of human colon cell against <i>Clostridium difficile</i> infection	Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University	Dr. Amornrat Aroonual
15	Survey of dietary pattern and nutritional status particularly multivitamin deficiencies in relation to cardiovascular disease and diabetes in Thai elderly	Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University	Dr. Sarunya Kaewprasert
<b>DEPARTMENT OF TROPICAL PATHOLOGY</b>			
1	Vascular model for atherosclerosis by <i>ex vivo</i> support system (EVSS)	Government Budget	Assoc. Prof. Yaowapa Maneerat

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<b>DEPARTMENT OF TROPICAL PATHOLOGY (Continued)</b>			
2	Gene expression profiles in involve in pathogenesis of atherosclerosis and acute coronary heart disease: a study in Thai patients	Government Budget	Assoc. Prof. Yaowapa Maneerat
3	Excretory secretion from infective stage <i>Gnathostoma spinigerum</i> larva decrease function of human cytotoxic immune cells	Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University	Assoc. Prof. Yaowapa Maneerat
4	Exploring transcriptional factor-nuclear factor kappa B (NF-KB) as a prognostic factor in developing acute renal failure in <i>Plasmodium falciparum</i> patients	The Vejduisit Foundation	Assoc. Prof. Parnpen Viriyavejakul
5	Study of apoptosis in the liver of severe malaria patients.	Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University	Mr. Vasant Kajornsakumeth
6	Investigating causes of acute renal failure in severe malaria by histopathology and immunohistochemistry	The National Research Council of Thailand	Assoc. Prof. Parnpen Viriyavejakul
7	Induction of apoptosis in human peripheral blood mononuclear cells <i>in vitro</i> by excretory secretory products from the third stage <i>Gnathostoma spinigerum</i> larvae	Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University	Assoc. Prof. Yaowapa Maneerat
<b>DEPARTMENT OF TROPICAL PEDIATRICS</b>			
1	Efficacy and safety of dengue vaccine in healthy children aged 4 to 11 years in Thailand (CYD23)	Sanofi Pasteur Co., Ltd.	Prof. Arunee Sabchareon
2	A controlled study of the safety and immunogenicity of ChimericVaxTM Japanese encephalitis vaccine in Thai toddlers and children	Sanofi Pasteur Co., Ltd.	Prof. Arunee Sabchareon
3	Evaluation of long-term immunity against Japanese encephalitis in children vaccinated with Japanese encephalitis vaccine	Department of Tropical Pediatrics	Assoc. Prof. Pornthep Chanthavanich
4	Accuracy assessment of using WHO criteria in diagnosis of dengue infection	Department of Tropical Pediatrics	Assoc. Prof. Pornthep Chanthavanich
5	FavirabTM post prescription event monitoring	Sanofi Pasteur Co., Ltd.	Assoc. Prof. Pornthep Chanthavanich
6	The comparison of immunogenicity and adverse reactions after immunization with Japanese Encephalitis vaccine produced by BIKEN and Government Pharmaceutical Organization (GPO) in healthy Thai children (JE0150)	Government Pharmaceutical Organization	Assoc. Prof. Pornthep Chanthavanich
7	Protective antibodies against erythrocyte invasion ligands in <i>Plasmodium falciparum</i> in Thailand	Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University	Assist. Prof. Watcharee Chocejindachai
8	Immunogenicity and safety of activated vero cell derived Japanese Encephalitis vaccine in Thai children	Liaoning Cheng Da Biotechnology Co., Ltd. China	Assoc. Prof. Pornthep Chanthavanich

No.	Research Title	Grant	Principal investigator
<b>DEPARTMENT OF TROPICAL PEDIATRICS (Continued)</b>			
9	Immunogenicity and safety of inactivated Vero Cell derived Japanese Encephalitis vaccine in Thai children (Phase II)	Bionet Asia co., Ltd., Thailand & Liaoning Cheng Da Biotechnology Co., Ltd. (CDBIO), China	Assoc. Prof. Pornthep Chanthavanich
10	A phase III, observer blind, randomized, non-influenza vaccine comparator-controlled, multi-country and multi-centre study of the efficacy of GSK biologicals quadrivalent, inactivated, split virion, seasonal influenza vaccine candidate, GSK2282512A (FLU QQIV), administered intramuscularly in healthy children 3 to 8 years of age	GlaxosmithKline (Thailand) Ltd.	Assoc. Prof. Pornthep Chanthavanich
11	EPI coverage survey in Thai and foreign children, since birth to grade 6, in Bangkok	Mahidol University	Dr. Weerawan Hattasingh
12	Ant hypersensitivity in Thailand: species identification and development of appropriate allergens for skin testing	The Thailand Research Fund, Commission on Higher Education and Mahidol University	Dr. Raweerat Sitcharungsri
13	A phase II, Randomized, observer-blind, multi-center, study to evaluate safety, tolerability and immunogenicity of an adjuvanted cell culture-derived H5N1 subunit influenza virus vaccine at two different formulations in healthy paediatric subjects	Novartis Thailand	Assoc. Prof. Pornthep Chanthavanich
14	A phase II, randomized, observer-blind, multi-center, study to evaluate safety, tolerability and immunogenicity of an adjuvanted cell culture-derived H5N1 subunit influenza virus vaccine at two different formulations in healthy adult subjects	Novartis Thailand	Assoc. Prof. Pornthep Chanthavanich
15	Burden of dengue infection in children and adults of Bang Phae distric, Ratchaburi province, Thailand	IVI, South Korea	Assoc. Prof. Pornthep Chanthavanich
16	A phase III, Stratified, randomized, double-blind, multi-center study to evaluate safety, tolerability and non-inferior immunogenicity of adjuvanted quadrivalent subunit influenza virus vaccine to adjuvanted trivalent subunit influenza virus vaccines in children ages 6 month to <9 years	Novartis Thailand	Assoc. Prof. Pornthep Chanthavanich
17	A phase II, open, randomized, control, multicenter study to assess the immunogenicity and reactogenicity of GSK Biologicals' meningococcal serogroups A, C, W-135, Y tetanus toxoid conjugate vaccine (MenACWY-TT) administered alone as compared to MenACWY-TT co-administered with GSK Biologicals' HPV vaccine Cervarix or co-administered with Cervarix and GSK Biologicals' tetanus toxoid, reduced diphtheria toxoid and acellular pertussis vaccine adsorbed (Tdap) (Boostrix) in female adolescents and young adults at 9-25 years of age	GlaxosmithKline (Thailand) Ltd.	Assoc. Prof. Pornthep Chanthavanich

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<b>DEPARTMENT OF TROPICAL PEDIATRICS (Continued)</b>			
18	Long-term follow-up of hospitalized dengue and safety in thai children who were included in an efficacy study of a tetravalent dengue vaccine	Sanofi Pasteur Co., Ltd.	Assist. Prof. Kriengsak
<b>VACCINE TRIAL CENTRE</b>			
1	A randomized, international, double-blinded (with in-house blinding), controlled with GARDASILTM, dose-ranging, tolerability, immunogenicity, and efficacy study of a multivalent human papillomavirus (HPV) L1 virus-like particle (VLP) vaccine administered to 16 to 26 year old women	Merck & Co., Inc	Prof. Punnee Pitisuttithum
2	A phase III trial of Aventis Pasteur live recombinant ALVAC-HIV (VCP1521) priming with Vaxgen gp 120 B/E (AIDSVAX B/E) boosting in HIV-uninfected Thai adults	Walter Reed Army Institute of Research	Dr. Supachai Ruekngam (Prof. Punnee Pitisuttithum)
3	Phase II/III safety and immunogenicity of pandemic live attenuated influenza vaccine (PLAIV) candidate strain A/17/CA/2009//38 (H1N1) in healthy Thais	Thai Health Promotion Foundation	Prof. Punnee Pitisuttithum
4	Phase III clinical trial to study the immunogenicity, tolerability, and manufacturing consistency of V503 (A multivalent human papillomavirus [HPV] L1 Virus-Like particle [VLP] in preadolescents and adolescents (9 to 15 years old) with a comparison to young women (16 to 26 years old)	Merck & Co., Inc	Prof. Punnee Pitisuttithum
<b>MAHIDOL VIVAX RESEARCH UNIT (MVRU)</b>			
1	Proteomic study of human malaria parasite <i>Plasmodium vivax</i> liver stages for development of vaccine and drugs	The Geneva Foundation, USA	Dr. Jetsumon Prachumsri
2	Development of an invasion inhibition assay for vaccine screening against <i>Plasmodium vivax</i>	Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University	Dr. Wanlapa Roobsoong
3	Identification of <i>Plasmodium</i> species in oocysts of infected <i>Anopheles</i> mosquitoes	Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University	Mr. Chalermpon Kumpitak
<b>CENTER OF EXCELLENCE FOR ANTIBODY RESEARCH (CEAR)</b>			
1	Development of scFv-antibodies against rabies virus using phage display technology	Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University	Mr. Surachet Benjathummarak
2	Epitope mapping of neutralizing human monoclonal antibody against dengue virus using escape mutant strategy	Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University	Ms. Sujitra Keadsanti

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