

FOREWORD

The First Seminar on Food-Borne Parasitic Zoonoses was held in Chiang-Mai in 1990, in collaboration with Chiang Mai University. The Second Seminar was convened in Khon Kaen 5 years later, in 1995. So the pattern of holding the Seminar every 5 years became established. In 2000, the Fortieth Anniversary of the founding of the Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University, it was delighted to see the 3rd Seminar held in Bangkok during 6-8 December with 521 participants from 31 countries. Oral and Poster presenters come from 23 different countries, from Australia to Zimbabwe. There were some 160 oral presentations and more than 40 poster presentations, some of which are submitted as full papers and published in this Proceedings.

The Third Seminar on Food-Borne Parasitic Zoonoses was held in conjunction with the annual Joint International Tropical Medicine Meeting, the 6th Chamlong-Tranakchit Harinasuta Lecture and the annual meetings of the Faculty of Tropical Medicine, the Parasitology and Tropical Medicine Association of Thailand and the TROPED Alumni Association. On the afternoon of Friday 8 December, the 3rd Conference in Tropical Pathology followed the Seminar and JITMM.

The Chamlong-Tranakchit Harinasuta Commemorative Lecture has been held annually by the Faculty of Tropical Medicine since 1995 in dedication to Professor Emeritus Chamlong Harinasuta and Professor Emeritus Khunying Tranakchit Harinasuta, co-founders of the Faculty in 1960. We deeply regret Professor Tranakchit's passing from us in 1998 at the age of 80, while we are fortunate that Professor Chamlong Harinasuta remains to this day a consultant to the Faculty of Tropical Medicine. The 6th Chamlong-Tranakchit Harinasuta Lecture and Keynote for the Seminar, "Food- and Water-borne Parasitic Zoonoses in the 21st Century" was presented by Dr Lorenzo Savioli, Coordinator, Strategy Development and Monitoring for Parasitic Diseases and Vector Control, of the World Health Organization in Geneva, Switzerland. Dr KD Murrell, Director of the Danish Center for Experimental Parasitology, Denmark, who made invaluable contributions to the First and Second Seminars, had kindly presented an overview of the 3rd Seminar at the closing session. The overview is also included in the Proceedings of the 3rd FBPZ Seminar which are published as a special Supplement to the *Southeast Asian Journal of Tropical Medicine and Public Health*.

It was discussed at the 3rd Seminar that the interval of 5 years was too long. It was therefore agreed that the 4th Seminar will be held in Bangkok in 2003. We encourage those who are interested in food-borne parasitic zoonoses to join us in 2003.

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