

FOREWORD

The Joint International Tropical Medicine Meeting (JITMM) is an annual scientific event organized jointly by the Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University, Bangkok, and other institutions, international organizations and professional associations. The JITMM 2001 was co-hosted by: the Faculty of Tropical Medicine; the Department of Communicable Diseases Control, Ministry of Public Health, Thailand; the Parasitology and Tropical Medicine Association of Thailand; the TROPMED Alumni Association and the SEAMEO TROPMED Network. The JITMM 2001 was held from the 8th to the 10th August, 2001, at the Century Park Hotel, Bangkok; there were 851 participants from 24 countries.

The highlight of the JITMM 2001 was the 7th Chamlong-Tranakchit Harinasuta Commemorative Lecture, entitled **Health Research and Tropical Diseases Control** was presented by Dr CM Morel, Director of the UNDP/World Bank/ WHO Special Program for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases (TDR).

The Scientific Program of the JITMM 2001 consisted of thirteen symposia, eleven free paper sessions, two plenary sessions and one panel discussion. From the 114 oral presentations and 68 poster presentations, 42 full papers were submitted and 40 of which are to be found in this supplement to the **Southeast Asian Journal of Tropical Medicine and Public Health**.

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