

FOREWORD

The Joint International Tropical Medicine Meeting 2003 (JITMM 2003), was concurrently held with the 4th Seminar on Food- and Water- Borne Parasitic Zoonoses (4th FBPZ) and the 2nd International Meeting on Gnathostomiasis (2nd IMG) during 2-4 December 2003 at the Siam City Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand with 607 participants from 36 countries.

The events were co-hosted by the Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University, Bangkok, Thailand; SEAMEO TROPMED Network; Parasitology and Tropical Medicine Association of Thailand; TROPMED Alumni Association; Danish Center of Experimental Parasitology; Faculty of Chemical and Biological Science, University of Sinaloa, Mexico; and Asahikawa Medical College, Japan.

The scientific programs of the 4th FBPZ, 2nd IMG, and JITMM 2003 consisted of two Chamlong-Tranakchit Harinasuta Lectures, 1 free paper sessions, 19 symposia, 2 round table sessions and 82 poster exhibits. The two Chamlong - Tranakchit Harinasuta Lectures were: “Public-private partnership : new ways to discover, develop and deliver drugs for tropical diseases” presented by Dr Chistopher C Hentschel, Chief Executive Officer and Board Member of the Medicines for Malaria Venture (MMV), and “Human fascioliasis : epidemiological patterns in human endemic areas of South America, Africa and Asia” delivered by Prof Dr Santiago Mas-Coma, President-Elect of the Spanish Society of Parasitology.

Seventy-five full papers were submitted, and 73 were accepted for publication in Supplement 1 (Proceedings of the 4th FBPZ and the 2nd IMG, 63 papers) and Supplement 2 (Proceedings of the JITMM 2003, 10 papers) of the **Southeast Asian Journal of Tropical Medicine and Public Health**.

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