

FOREWORD

The Joint International Tropical Medicine Meeting 2006 (JITMM 2006), the 6th Asia-Pacific Travel Health Conference (6th APTHC), and the 5th Seminnar on Food- and Water-borne Parasitic Zoonoses (FBPZ) were held during 29 November - 1 December 2006 at the Miracle Grand Convention Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand with 734 participants from 34 countries.

The events were co-hosted by the Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University, Bangkok, Thailand; the Asia-Pacific Travel Health Society; SEAMEO TROPED Network; Parasitology and Tropical Medicine Association of Thailand, TROPED Alumni Association; JSPS-Africa and Asia Research Platform; and FIBOZOPA.

The scientific programs of the JITMM 2006 and the 6th APTHC consisted of the 12th Chamlong-Tranakchit Harinasuta Lecture, 2 plenary sessions, 19 symposia, 9 free paper sessions, 1 session of the Best TropMed Presentation Award, and 73 poster exhibits. The Chamlong -Tranakchit Harinasuta Lecture entitled "**Plague and pandemics**" was presented by Professor Nickolas J White, Chairman, Wellcome Trust Southeast Asian Research Unit and "**Travel medicine in the tropics: twists and turns**" presented by Professor Robert Steffen, Head, Division of Communicable Diseases, WHO Collaborating Center for Travellers' Health, Institute of Social and Preventive Medicine, University of Zurich, Zurich, Switzerland. The Scientific programs for the 5th FBPZ consisted of 1 keynote lecture, 6 symposia, 3 free paper sessions, 2 FIBOZOPA sessions, and 37 poster exhibits. The keynote lecture entitled "**Progress or regress?: biological aspects of food-borne parasitic zoonoses**" was delivered by Professor Yukifumi Nawa, Vice-President for Research and Planning, University of Miyazaki, Japan.

Forty-four full papers were submitted and 41 were published in Supplement 1 of the **Southeast Asian Journal of Tropical Medicine and Public Health 2007; Volume 38**.

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