# Imperial College London



### **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

### FOR EDUCATIONAL AND SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is made on the sixth day of June 2013.

#### Between:

- (1) Imperial College of Science, Technology and Medicine (the "College") of Exhibition Road, London, United Kingdom SW7 2AZ; and
- (2) Khon Kaen University (KKU) of 123 Mitraparp Highway, Khon Kaen 40002, Thailand.

Hereafter referred to as the "Parties" or "Party" in the singular.

## **Purpose**

1. The Parties wish to work together to explore the possibilities for cooperation in education and research within the Faculty of Medicine and the Liver Fluke and Cholangiocarcinoma Research Center respectively. To the extent feasible, both institutions will encourage direct contact and cooperation between their faculty members, departments and research institutes as appropriate under the terms of this MoU.

### **Objectives**

- 2. Given the current areas of specialization and expertise at the two institutions, the Parties intend to work towards the following core objectives, subject to clause 3.1 and 4.5 below:
  - 2.1 Joint research and educational activities of common interest in various fields including but not limited to metabonomics and neglected tropical diseases.
  - 2.2 Exchange of non-confidential information including (but not limited to) exchange of teaching and research documentation.
  - 2.3. Exchange of faculty members for research, lectures and discussions.
  - 2.4. Exchange of graduate students for study and research.

# **Further Agreements**

- 3.1 While the Parties acknowledge the core objectives set out above, the Parties agree that any specific arrangements in pursuance of these general objectives will be subject to the normal review and approval processes at each institution and if approved, will be implemented by further signed agreements.
- 3.2 Themes of joint activities and the conditions for utilizing the results achieved and arrangements for specific visits, exchanges and other forms of cooperation, including financial arrangements, will be developed mutually for each specific case.
- 3.3 Each Party will pay its own costs relating to the negotiation, preparation, execution and implementation of any further agreements between the Parties

# **General Conditions**

- 4.1 This MoU will be initiated for a period of five years. In the third year, an assessment report will document the usefulness and value of the collaboration. At this time the MoU may be extended beyond the initial five year period by mutual agreement between the parties, or terminated any time after the end of the third year by either party giving 6 months' notice in writing. The MoU may be amended at any time by the consent of the parties confirmed in writing.
- 4.2 Each university agrees to appoint an overall coordinator for the administration of the agreement. The coordinator will serve as the contact person on campus, being responsible for arrangements associated with visits, ensuring that necessary approvals are in place, and for the general welfare of exchange personnel. The coordinator at the College is **Professor Simon Taylor-Robinson**, **Clinical Dean**, **Faculty of Medicine**. The coordinator at KKU is **Professor Pisake Lumbiganon**, **Dean Faculty of Medicine**. All notices under this MoU must be sent to the relevant overall coordinator.
- 4.3 The Parties agree to respect each other's rights to intellectual property and any confidential information designated as such at the time of disclosure.
- 4.4 Protection and exploitation of any intellectual property rights that arise under this MoU will be agreed on a case-by-case basis, after consideration of officially laid down IPR policies of the Parties.
- 4.5 This MoU is a non-binding expression of the current intentions of the Parties who intend to work together to agree the terms of the specific agreements that will be required to achieve the core objectives. This MoU is not intended to be legally binding, nor to create, evidence or imply any contract, obligation to enter into a contract or obligation to negotiate.

This agreement takes effect on the date it is executed on behalf of both Parties.

Imperial College London

Dr Simon Buckle Pro Rector (International)

Date: 6 June 2013

witness

Professor Simon D Taylor- Robinson Clinical Dean, Faculty of Medicine

Date: 6 June 2013

Khon Kaen University

Professor Weerachai Kosuwon Vice President for Research and Technology Transfer Affairs

Date: 6 June 2013

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Professor Pisake Lumbiganon Dean, Faculty of Medicine

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