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WHO appoints Dean to advisory committee

► **Professor Pisake Lumbiganon, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine**, was invited by the Department of Reproductive Health and Research to be on the Presidential Advisory Committee to develop WHO Guidelines for the Induction of Labor April 13th and 14th at the World Health Organization in Geneva, Switzerland.

In addition, Professor Pisake attended the Publication Department meeting of the WHO Reproductive Health Library Annual Conference between April 15th and 16th and warmly received the WHO's appointment of the Faculty of

Medicine, Khon Kaen University, as a WHO Collaborating Centre in Research Synthesis in Reproductive Health.

Ultrasound Workshop for GPs

► **The Department of Radiology arranged the "22nd Workshop on Ultrasound for General Practitioners" between March 3rd and 5th on the 3rd floor of the Princess Mother Memorial Conference Hall of the Princess Mother Memorial Building.**

Associate Professor Chanchai Panthongviriyakul, Director for Srinagarind Hospital, presided over the workshop and Associate Professor Jiraphorn Srinakarin, Deputy Head for the Department of Radiology, reported to the workshop, then Associate Professor Eimorn Mairiang gave a lecture on 'the Basics of Ultrasound and the Equipment Used'.

Associate Professor Jiraphorn explained that the workshop was arranged to support our Faculty's activity to improve medical services throughout the Northeast. The purpose of this workshop was to improve the use of ultrasound for diagnosis. The workshop included lectures, real cases and guidelines produced by the Department. The workshop had 65 Thai trainees from around the nation and two trainees from Lao, PDR who received the financial support of our Faculty. Assisting in the workshop was staff from the Departments of Radiology and Obstetrics and Gynecology.



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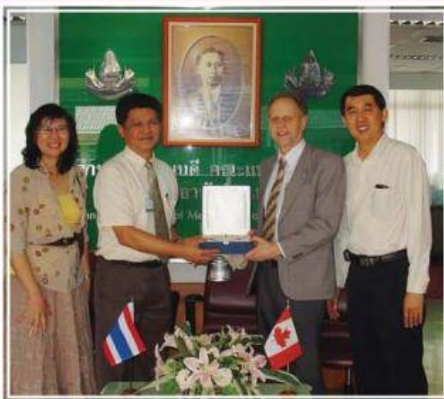
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MD@ Visitors

Short training course for Laotian staff

►► March 11th, 2010, Associate Professor Supat Sinawat, Assistant Dean for International and Special Affairs, presented certificates to Dr. (Ms.) Kumlar Rachawong and Dr. Roti Longkhumpang, from Khammouan Hospital, Lao, PDR, upon completion of training done at our Faculty.

Dr. (Ms.) Kumlar Rachawong underwent training in Emergency Stroke Care at the Accident and Emergency Nursing Division and Dr. Roti Longkhumpang training in Cleft Lip and Cleft Palate under the 'Tawanchai' Project. Staff exchange Program will promote clinical skills development among physician in the Greater Mekong sub-region.



Professor Robert Anderson, Dalhousie University, Canada

►► Professor Pisake Lumbiganon, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine welcomed Professor Robert Anderson, Dalhousie University, Canada.

On the occasion Professor Anderson presented lectures for faculty personnel from April 19th to 23rd. Those from our Faculty extending a warm welcome included: Associate Professor Surasak Wongrataneewin, Department of Microbiology and Associate Professor Rasana Wongrataneewin, Department of Biochemistry.

Professor Tar-Ching AW, UAE University

►► May 3, 2010, Professor Pisake Lumbiganon, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, welcomed Professor Tar-Ching AW, a professor and chair from the Department of Community Medicine, Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences at UAE University. Professor

Tar-Ching lectured on, "Diagnosis of Occupational Diseases and Occupational Related Diseases" on May 4, 2010.



Pediatric Pain Management Research Project

► April 29, 2010, Professor Pisake Lumbiganon, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, welcomed Professor Dr. Allen Finley, Pediatric Pain Management in Urban and Rural Thailand (ISAN) Project Director: Canada, Mr. Martin Laycock, Project Manager and Ms. Olof Kristjansdottir, PhD. Student from Dalhousie University, Canada.



Those from our Faculty extending a warm welcome included: Associate Professor Somboon Thienthong, Associate Dean for Human Resources and Pediatric Pain Management in Urban and Rural Thailand (ISAN) Project Director Thailand; Mrs. Chintana Boonjan, Nursing Director; Mrs. Siriporn Mongkonhawornchain, Deputy Director of Nursing director, Srinagarind Hospital; and Mrs. Kesanee Boonyawatanangkool, Clinical Nurse Specialist and Research Team.

Professor Finley attended the Mid Project Evaluation and Empowerment of the Nurse Facilitators Workshop, arranged by the Pediatric Pain Management in Urban and Rural Thailand (ISAN) at the Princess Mother Memorial Building, Faculty of Medicine, Khon Kaen University on April 28. The purpose of this workshop was to summarize two years of research progress based on pain management experience from the hospital network, including: Maharat Nakhon Ratchasima, Surin, Buriram, Mahasarakham, Kalasin, Khon Kaen and Srinagarind

Dr. Bassim I Mohammad, University of Al Qadisyah, the Republic of Iraq

► May 4th, 2010, Professor Pisake Lumbiganon, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, welcomed Dr. Bassim I Mohammad, Head of the Department of Pharmacology and Therapeutics, University of Al Qadisyah, the Republic of Iraq.



Dr. Bassim was trained in Pharmacogenomics at the Department of Pharmacology between May 4 and 10. Those from our Faculty extending a warm welcome included: Associate Professor Witoon Prasertcharoensuk, Associate Dean for International and Public Affairs, Associate Professor Veerapol Kukongviriyapan and Associate Professor Wichitra Tassaneeyakul, Department of Pharmacology.



IFMT Delegation Negotiate Academic Exchange

►► March 25th, 2010, Professor Pisake Lumbiganon, Dean for the Faculty of Medicine and Associate Professor Witoon Prasertcharoensuk, Associate Dean for International and Special Affairs welcomed delegations from Institute de la Francophonie Pour la Médecine Tropicale, Lao, PDR.

The delegation negotiated the terms of reference for academic exchanges and the renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding between our Faculty and their Institute.

Those from Institute de la Francophonie Pour la Médecine Tropicale, Lao, PDR included: Professor Yves Buisson, Director, Dr. Philaysak Naphayvong, Deputy Director, Dr. Zhang Wei, Research Coordinator, Dr. Hasiniaina Hugues Razakatiana, IFMT participant, Dr. Phetsavanh Chanthavilay, IFMT participant, Dr. Phonepasong Soukhathammavong, IFMT participant and Dr. Bounnam Xomvimane, IFMT participant.

JPAC-CIL Delegation

►► April 12, 2010, Associate Professor Witoon Prasertcharoensuk, Associate Dean for International and Special Affairs and Assistant Professor Panya Tuamsuk, Department of Anatomy, welcomed *Drs. Sean Tallman and Allysha Winburn from the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command-Central Identification Laboratory (JPAC-CIL).*



Residency Training for Residents from the University of Health Sciences, Lao PDR

►► May 10, 2010, Professor Pisake Lumbiganon, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, welcomed residents from the University of Health Sciences, Lao, PDR.

These residents will undergo Anesthesiology Training from May 10 to June 2 at the Department of Anesthesiology. The training is supported by Health Frontiers and Case Western Reserve University. Those from University of Health Sciences included: Mr. Thongphay Vongsaya, Mr. Paramy Chanthalansy, Miss Khamphong Thanadaboud, Mrs. Phonsamouth Chaleunphone, Mr. Phengphachanh Sanoubane, Mr. Khone Sayachack and Dr. Phonxay Kheupaphone



Faculty of Medicine's received Laotian clinical postgraduate students who attend in sub- fellowship cooperative program

▶▶ Associate Professor Witoon Prasertcharoensuk, MD, Associate Dean for International Affairs, Faculty of Medicine, KKU, officially welcome the sub-fellowship program students from Lao PDR who are beginning a 3-year clinical clerkship at the Department of Medicine, MD-KKU.

These young lecturers are as follows:

Dr. Velouvanh Manvong, Fellowship Training in Endocrinology, Dr. Manichanh Louanhxay, Fellowship Training in Hematology, Dr. Thongphoun Meunphilom, Fellowship Training in Rheumatology, and Dr. Pheng Sackda, Fellowship Training in Cardiology. The financial support regarding living expenses, transportation, books and another education expenses for 2-3 years will be the responsibility of Health Frontiers Foundation, Case Western Reserve University, Ohio, USA.



Elective students from Mie University Japan

▶▶ Associate Professor Witoon Prasertcharoensuk, Associate Dean for International and Special Affairs welcomed **Professor Hiroyuki Sakurai and the 6th-year students from Mie University School of Medicine, Japan.** These students will train at the Department of Pediatrics between May 10 and 29.



Fujita Health University Medical Students, Japan

▶▶ **Miss Kikuko SATO and Mr. Hisaaki YOSHINAKA, 6th-year medical students from Fujita Health University, Japan,** underwent training at the Department of Surgery, Faculty of Medicine, Khon Kaen University between April 5th and May 7th. The training is part of the Elective Student Exchange Program between Faculty of Medicine, Khon Kaen University and Fujita Health University.



Liver Fluke and Cholangiocarcinoma Research Center Seminar

► April 24th, 2010, the Liver Fluke and Cholangiocarcinoma Research Center staged a 2nd Seminar on "Making Dreams Come True".

Associate Professor Vajarabhongsa Bhudhisawasdi, the Director for Liver Fluke and Cholangiocarcinoma Research Center, arranged the seminar for research center administrators, physicians, researchers, nurses, scientists and support personnel.



The goal of research is threefold: 1) to prevent liver fluke cancer; 2) to find effective treatments; and, 3) to mitigate the suffering of untreatable cases. The Center also aims to establish a foundation for assisting poor patients.

Faculty and Medical Students Join International Conference

► March 27 and 29, Professor Pisake Lumbiganon, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, co-lectured on "Research Ethics" at the "11th National Medical International Conference" at the Faculty of Medicine, Chulalongkorn University.

On this occasion, Assistant Professor Pattapong Kessomboon, Head of the Department of Community Medicine, Associate Professor Somdej Pinitsoontorn, and the 6th-year medical students did oral and poster presentations.



This year, Assistant Professor Nareas Waropastrakul, Associate Dean for Administration, guided a SWOT Analysis of the center's work and outcomes. The analysis formed the basis for discussing plans for future activities and improvements towards becoming a Center of Excellence. Associate Professor Vajarabhongsa reminded participants that the motto of the center is "Cooperation not Competition, Communication with Honesty, Faithfulness and Transparency". He praised the staff for their conscientious work and determination to establish a Center of Excellence, which will allow the creation of synergies between the clinical and basic science research being done.



Protozoa: How to Culture and Identify Them

►► April 7 and 9, 2010, the Department of Parasitology arranged the 7th Parapsychology Workshop entitled, "Protozoa: How to Culture and Identify Them". Associate Professor Jintana Sattayasai, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs presided.



Associate Professor Smam Tesana reported that participants included public health officers, technocrats, physicians, medical technologists, teachers and interested persons. The purpose of the workshop was to educate the medical personnel in the diagnosis of protozoa in feces and adapting that knowledge for planning effective treatments.

The types of protozoa discovered in Thailand include Coccidia, such as: *Cryptosporidium parvum*, *Cyclospora cayetanensis*, *Isospora belli*, *Sarcocystis hominis*, *Blastocystis* spp. and microsporidia. Since AIDS has become a chronic disease, it is critical to be able to identify and rid patients of these diarrhea-causing parasites. To identify the disease-causing protozoa, special techniques must be used which require knowledge and experience. For example, (1) Coccidia requires the use of a special dye; (2) Microsporidia PCR; and, (3) *Blastocystis* spp. A culture. Thus, participants in the workshop were trained how to select and use these techniques.

Animal Laboratory: Care and Use

►► April 8, 2010, the Animal Laboratory Unit, Faculty of Medicine, Khon Kaen University arranged a seminar on "Laboratory Animals: Care and Use. The purpose of the seminar was to exchange knowledge and provide guidance for the humane care and use of laboratory animals.

Associate Professor Sopit Wongkham, Associate Dean for Research Affairs welcomed the participants and Assistant Professor Thidarut Boonmars, Acting for Head of Animal Laboratory Unit, reported on the Unit's responsibilities and authority.



Assistant Professor Synya Ruangsitt, Acting for Laboratory Animal Center of the Northeast, outlined the policies and services planning. The Northeast Laboratory Animal Center will open an animal housing/feeding area in August, 2010.

Thai Happy New Year: Songkran Day 2010

►► The Faculty arranged events for Songkran Day 2010 entitled "Muan Zeun Songkran" (mean have fun on Songkran Day).

Songkran Day or the day to mark the end of the old year, April 14th is Wan Nao Day, the day after and April 15th is Wan Thaloeng Sok Day, which is the beginning of the New Year. The Faculty's festivities were on April 8th at the Faculty recreation activity court yard.



According to Songkran tradition, there will be the bathing rite of the Buddha image and pouring scented water onto the hands of senior Faculty members in an act of respect. Additionally, you can watch the beautiful parade, many culture stage shows and joyfully splash water on each other.



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