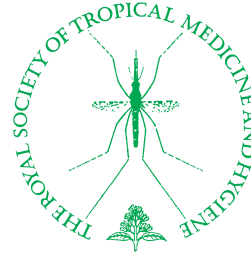
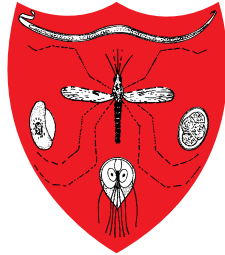




**FINAL
ANNOUNCEMENT**



**43rd ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC SEMINAR OF MSPTM
&
CENTENARY CELEBRATION OF THE ROYAL SOCIETY
OF TROPICAL MEDICINE AND HYGIENE (UK)**

**“Advances of Biotechnology in
Tropical Medicine”**

**20-22 March 2007
Grand Seasons Hotel, Kuala Lumpur
MALAYSIA**

Organised by

- **Malaysian Society of Parasitology and Tropical Medicine (MSPTM)**
- **Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene (RSTMH, UK)**

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Invitation

Dear Colleagues,

The organizing Committee takes great pleasure in inviting you to the **43rd ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC SEMINAR of MSPTM** which will be held in Grand Seasons Hotel, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from 20-22 March 2007. This year's seminar is special because it will be a joint event with the **CENTENARY CELEBRATION OF THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF TROPICAL MEDICINE AND HYGIENE (UK)**.

In conjunction with the Centenary Celebration, the Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene (RSTMH) will not only have meetings at its home base in UK but also other parts of the world such as Gambia (for West Africa), Tanzania (for East Africa), Pakistan (for the Indian sub Continent), Canberra (for Australia) and Malaysia (for South East Asia). It is indeed a great privilege for the MSPTM to be given this honour to host this very prestigious and historic event.

There will be a half day symposium by the RSTMH with the aim of revisiting the contributions to tropical medicine from this region, especially by Fellows, both locally and globally. This will be a platform for those who at various times have worked in this region to attend, and to meet with old colleagues and acquaintances.

The theme for this seminar, "Advances of Biotechnology in Tropical Medicine", coincidentally ties very aptly with the theme for the Centenary Celebration, "One hundred years of tropical medicine: from molecular medicine to the millennium development goals". This theme was chosen to highlight the aspiration of the Malaysian Government to bring forth tropical medicine into the forefront of research by employing molecular and biotechnology methodologies.

Other highlights of the seminar will include the Sandosham Memorial Lecture and presentation of the prestigious Sandosham Gold Medal. The Sandosham Gold Medal is awarded triennially and is the Society's highest mark of distinction made to a living person in recognition of original and outstanding contributions in the fields of Parasitology and Tropical Medicine in Southeast Asia.

It is hoped that this seminar will be a platform for exchanging ideas, which will lead to collaborative research and joint efforts in promoting tropical medicine and parasitology. We fervently hope you can join us in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia for this seminar and are looking forward to welcome you.

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Fong Mun Yik
President of MSPTM and Chairman of the Organising Committee

Organising Committee

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Programme / Highlights

- **Presentation of the Sandosham Gold Medal**
- **Sandosham Memorial Lecture by Dr. Lorenzo Savioli, Director, Department of Control of Neglected Tropical Diseases, W.H.O. Headquarters, Geneva**
- **Keynote Address by Dr. Robert Desowitz, Emeritus Professor of Tropical Medicine and Medical Microbiology, University of Hawaii, USA**
- **Special Symposium for the Centenary Celebration of the RSTMH (UK)**

Speakers:

Professor Dr. Frank Cox

London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, UK

Professor Dr. Sornchai Looareesuwan

Secretary-General/Coordinator, Southeast Asia Minister of Education Organisation Tropical Medicine (SEAMEO TROPMED) Network, Thailand

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■ Tentative Programme

	20 March	21 March	22 March
AM	Presidential Address Sandosham Memorial Lecture Keynote Address	RSTMH Special Symposium	<i>Session 4 Veterinary Parasitology</i> Plenary Lecture Free papers <i>Session 5: Molecular Biology/Biotechnology</i> Free papers
PM	<i>Session 1: Vector Biology & Control</i> Plenary Lecture Free papers	<i>Session 2: Arboviral diseases</i> Plenary Lecture Free papers <i>Session 3: Parasitology</i> Free papers	<i>Session 6: New and Emerging Diseases</i> Free papers

Call For Papers

DEADLINE FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSION: 15 February 2007

The scientific committee welcomes submission of abstracts for oral or poster presentation. Presenters are invited to submit abstracts, not exceeding 250 words, Font Size: 12, single space, Times New Roman. (Posters 18"x 24" / Oral 15 mins).

Abstracts for oral and poster presentations should be submitted by **15 February 2007** using the online 'Abstract Submission Form' which can be obtained at the MSPTM website (www.msptm.org). Completed forms to be sent via email attachment only to:

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Registration

	Before 31 st January 2007	After 31 st January 2007
Member/Participant	RM350.00 (US\$100)	RM450.00 (US130)
Non Member/Participant	RM450.00 (US\$130)	RM550.00 (US160)
Student (Undergraduate)	RM200.00 (US\$60)	RM200.00 (US\$60)

Registration fee for delegates includes admission to scientific sessions, bag and abstract book, coffee breaks and lunches.

Online '**Registration Form**' can be downloaded from the MSPTM website and completed forms to be sent via email attachment to the Secretariat. Pre-registered delegates will receive a confirmation by e-mail as soon as the registration form and payment are received by the Secretariat.

Payment Mode

Please download '**Payment Form**' (from www.msptm.org) and fill in the particulars.

For **MALAYSIAN** delegates:

Completed payment forms to be sent by **POST** together with cheque / bank draft / L.P.O. to the Secretariat.

For **FOREIGN** delegates:

Completed payment forms to be sent via email attachment to the Secretariat.

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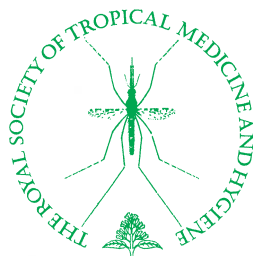
This payment method enables the participant not to incur a large sum in commission fee nor the Society to incur loss in the bank transfer fee. The Seminar Registration Fee together with a transfer charge can be made at any Western Union counter in your respective country. On making the payment, please let us know the "Money Transfer Control Number" to facilitate the monetary transfer at the Western Union counter here in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Please contact the Secretariat to obtain the MSPTM account number.

Hotel Accommodation

Contact the following hotels for your own booking:--

Hotels in Kuala Lumpur	Room type	Price (net) Govt.rate
Grand Seasons Hotel 603-26978888 (seminar venue)	Single / Double	RM150* (breakfast included)
Stanford Hotel 603-26919833 (10 min to venue)	Single / Double	RM130 (breakfast included)
Brisdale Hotel 603-26948833 (10 min to venue)	Single / Double	RM135 (breakfast included)

* Special rate for seminar participants. Please indicate to the hotel staff that you are a seminar participant to receive this discount rate.



The Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene (UK)

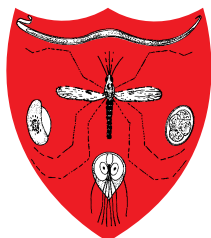
The Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene has a distinguished history. The Society was founded in 1907 by Sir James Cantlie and Dr George Carmichael Low to study diseases met with in tropical countries. Sir Patrick Manson, the Society's first President (1907-9) is generally acknowledged as the 'father of tropical medicine'. He passed the presidency on to Sir Ronald Ross (1909-11), discoverer of the role of mosquitoes in the transmission of malaria. Since that time, many of the most distinguished practitioners and researchers in the field of tropical medicine have been fellows of the Society.

In 1920, King George V gave his permission for the Society to use the Royal prefix. Her Majesty the Queen is Patron of the Society and Her Royal Highness, the Princess Royal is an Honorary Fellow. For over 70 years, regular meetings of the Society were held in Manson House, 26 Portland Place, London (designed by Robert Adam), but in 2004 Manson House was sold and the offices of the Society moved to 50 Bedford Square, London. Meetings are now held at venues across London and in regional centres.

An important activity of the Society has been the production of its journal, the Transactions of the Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene which has been published regularly since 1907. This journal has reported many major discoveries in tropical medicine and maintains a high reputation in the field.

Although many of the classical tropical diseases, such as malaria, continue to cause many deaths and much ill health, the pattern of illness in many poor, developing countries is changing with an increasing incidence of non-communicable diseases. The Society is responding to these changes with an increasing focus at its meetings and in its journal on the overall health problems of poor societies in the developing world and on how to tackle these using a multi-disciplinary approach. The rich world is, at last, coming to the conclusion that the gap in health between its populations and those of the poorest countries of the world is no longer acceptable and funds are being made available to bridge this gap. The Society, with nearly 100 years of experience of work in the developing world, is in a strong position to help to ensure that these new resources are spent wisely and well.

**(From the RSTMH Centenary Celebration Website
<http://www.rstmh.elsevier.com/history.htm>)**



The Malaysian Society of Parasitology and Tropical Medicine

The formation of the Society was conceived in 1962 at the UNECSO-sponsored Regional Meeting on "Scientific Knowledge on Tropical Parasites" hosted by the Government of Singapore in November 1962. Professor R. S. Desowitz and his colleagues from the Department of Parasitology, University of Singapore, were responsible for its organization. A small committee was set up to draft a constitution for the formation of a local society of parasitologists.

The inaugural meeting of the Malaysian Society of Parasitologists (as it was then called), was convened at the Institute for Medical Research, Kuala Lumpur on the 10th January 1964. The constitution was approved and the first Council was elected. Dr. A. A. Sandosham was elected as the first President of the Society. The scientific programmes at the beginning consisted of laboratory demonstrations in parasitology which was set up at 6-monthly intervals alternating between Singapore and Kuala Lumpur held under the auspices of the Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, London and later undertaken solely by our Society.

The scope and range of activities of the Society gradually expanded and its membership increased. Along with the laboratory demonstrations meetings, talks on various aspects of parasitology were introduced. These were enlarged in scope and range of interest to half-yearly seminars with several papers being presented and discussed. With the growing interest in the applied aspects of parasitology in medicine and veterinary practice in the tropics, the name of the society was changed to the "Malaysian Society of Parasitology and Tropical Medicine".

The notes on demonstrations set up at the laboratory meetings were initially published in the Transactions of the Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene and later selectively published in the Southeast Asian Journal of Tropical Medicine and Public Health. Subsequently, abstracts were published in the Medical Journal of Malaya, the Singapore Medical Journal, the Malaysian Veterinary Journal, and the Thai Medical Journal. In 1984, the Society began the publication its own peer-reviewed journal – Tropical Biomedicine. This journal was recently accepted for indexing in MEDLINE.