



The 56th Annual Scientific Conference of the Malaysian Society of Parasitology and Tropical Medicine in conjunction with 3rd Asian *Simuliidae* Symposium.

The 56th Annual Scientific Conference of the Malaysian Society of Parasitology and Tropical Medicine in conjunction with 3rd Asian *Simuliidae* Symposium was held successfully from the 11th to 12th of March 2020 at Hotel Istana, Kuala Lumpur with the theme “Neglected, tropical and vector borne Diseases : The evolution of one health from challenges to solutions”.

A total of 80 participants from Malaysia, Thailand, Indonesia, United States of America and others participated at the conference presenting a total of 51 oral and poster presentations. We also had three plenary speakers, two invited speaker and thirteen student’s E-poster competition for the meeting. For the year 2019, Sandosham medal won by Dr Nazni Wasi Ahmad from Medical Entomology Unit, Kuala Lumpur (IMR) and the Nadchatram medal won by Dr Khadijah Saad from Universiti Malaysia Terengganu, Terengganu (UMT). On the first day of conference, there was a memorandum of understanding signing ceremony was held between Indonesia Parasitic Disease Control Association, Taiwan Society of Parasitology and the Malaysia Society of Parasitology and Tropical Medicine for strengthening relationships with our neighbours in developing a strong regional network of scientists. MSPTM also launch their Tropical Biomedicine online journal system with Opusoft.

Our appreciation goes to our sponsors Bayer, Imaspro Biotech Sdn. Bhd., Hotel Istana Kuala Lumpur and Sumitomo Chemical for funding and supporting the event. We also like to give a big appreciation to all participants, organizing committee and secretariats that have supported and have made this conference a successful one. We look forward to meet you at the 57th Annual Scientific Conference of the MSPTM next year..... 2021!

