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Dr. Yvonne Lim Ai Lian is a senior lecturer at the Department of Parasitology, Faculty of Medicine, University of Malaya (UM) and the head of environment section of the Parasites: South East Asian Diagnostic Laboratory (Para:SEAD) at University of Malaya. Her research thrust is on waterborne parasites namely *Cryptosporidium* and *Giardia*. She has conducted numerous studies on rivers, lakes, wells, households, drinking water treatment plants and sewage water treatment plants. Her work is not only limited to *Cryptosporidium* and *Giardia*. She has recently ventured into re-looking at hookworm infections – not as public health hazards but the potential utilisation of hookworm infection as a therapeutic agent in the treatment or prevention of allergic or autoimmune pathologies. She has written 26 scientific papers in peer-reviewed international and national journals.

Dr. Yvonne Lim started attending MSPTM seminars since 1996 during her undergraduate days. She became a member of MSPTM in 1998 and has been very active in the society ever since. As a postgraduate student, she won the MSPTM outstanding seminar presentation award for young researchers in two consecutive years (ie. 1998 and 1999). She has served as the honorary secretary (2007/2008), honorary treasurer (2004/2005) and member of the council (2006/2007). She was also a former editor of the MSPTM Newsletter. Since June 2006, she is a member of the editorial board for Tropical Biomedicine Journal.

In 2007, Yvonne was appointed a fellow of the Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene (London). Based on these scientific achievements and contributions, Dr. Yvonne Lim has been awarded the MSPTM Medal for the year 2007.