



# AASP Newsletter

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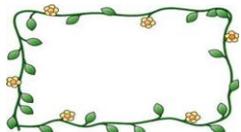
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### The Journal of the Asian Association of Schools of Pharmacy (JAASP)

is now inviting contributions from authors of original articles on pharmacy education, research, and practice.

Interested authors may visit the JAASP website at [www.aaspjournal.org](http://www.aaspjournal.org) for instructions to authors.

You are invited to attend the **6<sup>th</sup> AASP Conference** to be held at the **National University of Singapore (NUS)** on **November 16-18, 2013**. The formal announcement will be made soon.



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Asian Pharmacy Deans Forum Takes a Closer Look at Clinical Pharmacy Education in Asia

More than 70 pharmacy deans and faculty representatives from different Asian countries gathered in Nanjing, China last June 4-6, 2012 for the 2<sup>nd</sup> AASP Pharmacy Deans Forum with the theme, *Advances and Challenges in Clinical Pharmacy Education in Asia*. The forum was hosted by the China Pharmaceutical University (CPU) through its Dean, Dr Qi Dong You, a member of the AASP Board of Directors.

Dr Xiao-Ming Wu, the President of CPU welcomed the guests and delegates to historic Nanjing during the Opening Ceremonies. Vice-President Dr Wen-Bing Yao gave a comprehensive presentation on the history and status of Chinese pharmacy education. This was followed by country experiences in clinical pharmacy education.

Dr Ken-ichi Inui, President of Kyoto Pharmaceutical University highlighted the advances in clinical pharmacy education in Japan with emphasis on the interrelationship of pharmaceutical sciences with



The participants of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Pharmacy Deans Forum at the China Pharmaceutical University in Nanjing, China held June 4-6, 2012.

clinical practice which he captured in the phrase, "from bench to bedside and vice-versa". Dr Chulavatnatol of Mahidol University traced the history of Thai pharmacy education and emphasized on its current status. The US-Thai Consortium is a major factor for the strong clinical orientation of the Thai pharmacy curriculum. Dr Rosalie Sagraves of AACP and GAPE recounted the history of the successful partnership in pharmacy education.

In addition to the plenary sessions, there was a panel discussion, lectures, and small group discussions on student performance outcomes, preceptor training, clinical rotations and presentation of collaborative clinical pharmacy practice and education. The discussions were highly interactive and productive.

The two-day forum was made more memorable by visits to Nanjing historical sites and serving of sumptuous and delicious Chinese cuisine.

## The JAASP's Maiden Issue is Now Out

Good News! A new venue for publishing original research articles by pharmacy educators and researchers is now available. The first issue of the Journal of the Asian Association of Schools of Pharmacy (JAASP) was formally introduced during the 2<sup>nd</sup> AASP Pharmacy Deans Forum in

Nanjing, China by Dr Malyn Chulasiri, Editor-in-Chief, from Mahidol University, Thailand.

Articles are now being solicited for its 2<sup>nd</sup> Issue by Dr. Aroonsri Pripem, Managing Editor. Kindly access the online version of the journal and the instruction to authors in its website.



## A Successful Collaborative Model for Clinical Pharmacy Education

The AASP Pharmacy Deans Forum presented a Model for Collaboration in Clinical Pharmacy between the East and West. It is the US-Thai Consortium for the development of pharmacy education in Thailand. Dr Rosalie Sagraves, a consultant of AACP, former Dean of the University of Illinois at Chicago and also the convenor of Global Alliance in Pharmacy Education was the

distinguished speaker who traced the history of the consortium, outlined the components of the agreement between the two countries and discussed the positive outcomes of the collaboration.

She was able to provide the elements which led to the success of the program and was able to enumerate the evidence of its success through collaborative

research, faculty and student education, short educational experiences for clinical pharmacists, experiential education for PharmD students and sabbaticals for faculty.

Dr Wongwiwat Tassaneeyakul, Dean of the Khon Kaen University Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences described the experiences of Thai schools under the consortium. He related the benefits of collaboration



**Dr. Rosalie Sagraves**

including the number of faculty trained in the US and other current partnership activities.

## AASP Outstanding Pharmacy Educators Awards



**Dr. Fe-Lin Lin Wu**

The Asian Association of Schools of Pharmacy (AASP) created an award system in 2010 as one of its major program under the new strategic plan. These awards are given in partnership with major donors from different countries and are intended to recognize outstanding pharmacy educators and preceptors who were able to provide excellent education and training for pharmacy students. The first set of awards was for preceptors and they were given during the 5<sup>th</sup> AASP Conference in Bandung, Indonesia in June 2011. There were five awardees from Japan and one from Taiwan.

For this year, AASP awarded the first **Outstanding Pharmacy Educator Awards** to two pharmacy educators who are both in the field of clinical pharmacy and who have significantly contributed to the development of clinical pharmacy in their respective countries.

**Dr. Fe-lin Lin Wu** is an Associate Professor & Director, Graduate Institute of Clinical Pharmacy, National Taiwan University and Director, Department of Pharmacy,

NTU Hospital. She is responsible for introducing the unit-dose drug distribution system and various clinical pharmacy related services in NTU Hospital. Together with surgeons, she developed immunosuppressant protocols for heart transplantation and kidney transplantation. During her 6-year term as the director of department pharmacy, she extended the scope of clinical pharmacy service, such as a novel clinical decision support system for computerized physician's order entry, electronic inventory control and warehouse management system, OR pharmacy, warfarin clinics, and provided clinical pharmacists in every ICU. As an educator, she developed the graduate study in clinical pharmacy. She designed pharmacy professional courses, and for those works she received outstanding teaching award and several outstanding teaching material awards (2000-2008). For her valuable work in the student exchange program, she was awarded In 2011 the Academia Dream Weaver Award from Ministry of Education. In that same year she received Outstanding Contribution Award from Taiwan Society of Health-System Pharmacists.

**Prof Aporanee Chaiyakum** is a member of Khon Kaen University Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences and Chair, Administrative Committee, College of Pharmacotherapy, Pharmacy Council of Thailand. She is a pioneer clinical pharmacist who received Board Certification in Pharmacotherapy from the Pharmacy Council of Thailand. She is credited with the developing the first Therapeutic Drug Monitoring Service in Thailand at Srinagarind, Khon Kaen University affiliated hospital. Since 1994, at Khon Kaen University her clinical practice, teaching, and research focused on Therapeutic Drug Monitoring, Clinical Pharmacokinetics, Pharmacotherapy of kidney diseases, and Pharmaceutical care; she served as a head of pharmacy department (1990-1997) and associate dean for academic affairs (2001-2010). Most important of her achievements is that in 2010, she was elected as a Chair of the administrative committee, College of Pharmacotherapy, Pharmacy Council of Thailand. Prof Aporanee Chaiyakum had many roles in her career; teacher, practitioner, and administrator.



**Dr. Aporanee Chaiyakum**

## ITB hosts the 5<sup>th</sup> AASP Conference

The 5<sup>th</sup> AASP Conference was organized by the School of Pharmacy-Bandung Institute of Technology, in collaboration with the Faculty of Pharmacy, Gajah Mada University last June 15-17, 2011. Dr Tutus Gusdinar Kartawinata led the Organizing Committee.

The program was divided into several sessions which covered the areas of pharmacy education, research, practice. Highlights of the 5<sup>th</sup> Conference included the awarding of AASP Preceptor Awards to Japanese and Taiwanese pharmacists. The keynote speech was delivered by Dr Lucinda Maine, Executive Vice-President

and CEO of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy and the plenary lecture of Dr Mike Rouse of the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education and the FIP International Forum for Quality Assurance of Pharmacy Education.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Asian Pharmacy Deans Forum was the other important part of the conference where sharing of experiences on standards and accreditation in pharmacy education by East and West ensued. Dr Mike Rouse of ACPE and Dr Chutamanee Suthisisang presented these experiences. A lively panel discussion on the topic followed.



The 22<sup>nd</sup> AASP Board of Directors Meeting was held at the CCAR, Institut Teknologi Bandung. Officers and BOD members discussed important matters related to fulfilling the vision-mission of the organization.

## AASP 23<sup>rd</sup> BOD Meeting and Transfer of Presidency

The 23<sup>rd</sup> Board of Directors Meeting was held June 3, 2012 at the China Pharmaceutical University. Dr Ji-Wang Chern, incumbent President gave the welcome remarks and welcomed the new members of the Board of Directors, namely Dr Qi Dong You, Dr Ken-ichi Inui. Dr Tassaneeyakul and Dr Syed Azhar Syed Sulaiman were the other BOD members who joined the forum.

During the meeting, Dr Paul Heng gave financial report in behalf of Dr Chan Lai Wah and Mr Theeradej Imauan presented the report from the KKU office in Khon Kaen.

Dr Paul Heng presented the plan for the 6<sup>th</sup> AASP Conference in Singapore. The committees under the Organizing Committee were also discussed together with the tentative content of the program.

It was agreed that the next BOD Meeting will be on November 2, 2012 in Coimbatore, India upon the invitation of Dr T.K. Ravi of JSS School of Pharmacy. This will be followed by a seminar on November 3.

The second part of the meeting was the confirmation and handover ceremony for the new President. Dr Ji-Wang led the ceremony and gave a brief report of his accomplishments as President since 2010. Dr Robles served as Secretary under Dr Chern's term before being chosen as the incoming President. She accepted the presidency in a short speech thanking the Board for the trust placed on her and is counting on their cooperation during her term as President. She will focus on implementing the strategic plan made by the BODs during the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of AASP in Pattaya, Thailand in 2010.

### The AASP Vision

To be the most influential pharmacy organization in Asia

### The AASP Mission

- To take on an active leadership role in the promotion of quality pharmacy education and research to improve health care in Asia
- To provide core curriculum and to promote academic standards among its members



*The 2012-2013 AASP Officers posed for posterity and President Dr Ji-Wang Chern transferred the Presidency Medal and the gavel to Dr Yollie Robles, Incoming President.*



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#### **NEW MEMBERS OF THE AASP BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

- **Dr Ken-ichi Inui**, President of Kyoto Pharmaceutical University, **Japan**
- **Dr Tomoo Itoh**, Dean, Kitasato University School of Pharmacy, **Japan**
- **Dr Syed Azhar Syed Sulaiman**, Dean, School of Pharmacy, Universiti Sains **Malaysia**
- **Dr Chutamane Suthisisang**, Dean, School of Pharmacy, Mahidol University, **Thailand**
- **Dr Wongwiwat Tassaneeyakul**, Dean, Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Khon Kaen University, **Thailand**
- **Dr Qi Dong You**, Dean, School of Pharmacy, China Pharmaceutical University, **China**

## Meet the New AASP President

Dr Yolanda R. Robles is a Professor and Former Dean of the University of the Philippines College of Pharmacy (2001-2007). She was the President of the Philippine Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (2004-2006) and her notable contributions to pharmacy education in her country are in curriculum and faculty development. She was responsible for steering the change from a 4-year BS Pharmacy curriculum to 5-year competency-based BS Pharmacy with updated and new courses in her university. Similarly, she is an active module developer and lecturer for continuing education programs of various providers, including the nationwide CPE of the Philippine Pharmacists Association (PPHA).

Currently, she serves as a training consultant for community pharmacists and pharmacy assistants. She is the Executive Vice-President of the PPHA (2012-2014) and the President of the Asian Conference in Clinical Pharmacy (2012-2013). She is active in pharmacy practice and health policy research. She received her basic pharmacy education from the University of the Philippines and her graduate degrees from the University of Tasmania in Australia.



**Yolanda R. Robles, PhD**

*"The length of time in service or the level of the position does not matter if one has to make a difference as a leader... what matters most is the legacy one leaves behind."*

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## NEW AASP OFFICE IN KHON KAEN UNIVERSITY

The AASP Office in Thailand is now ready for operation. The office space of AASP has been generously offered for use by the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Science, Khon Kaen University (KKU) with the full support of the former KKU President, Dr. Sumon Sakolchai. The official inauguration ceremony was held last January 16, 2011 and was attended by some AASP officers, namely Dr Ji-Wang Chern, *President*, Dr Motoko Kanke, *Executive Director*, and Yolanda

Robles, *Secretary*. The event was chaired by President JW Chern, AASP President and Dr Sumon Sakolchai. The new Dean, Dr Tassaneeyakul was also present. This office will help facilitate the operation and the communication between member schools, individual members, and AASP.

Mr Theeradej Imauan, KKU staff, has been assigned to work for AASP office under the supervision of Dr Sumon Sakolchai. He is also in charge of the AASP website.

