**JITMM 2018 Award Sessions**

1. **Sornchai Looareesuwan Medal 2018**
   
   Prof. Sornchai was the Dean of the Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University, Thailand, and Secretary General and Director of the SEAMEO Regional Tropical Medicine & Public Health Network. Throughout his life, he dedicated himself to the world of research, working on malarial clinical drug trials for over 30 years. He was the recipient of a host of international research awards. Prof. Sornchai made significant advances in the field of malaria, particularly in drug development, with his original work on artemisinin combination therapy. His work is a remarkable accomplishment that few can hope to emulate.

   In the same spirit, the “Sornchai Looareesuwan Medal” will be offered to a researcher whose efforts have been devoted specifically to malaria. Her/his work should constitute a breakthrough or an innovation in malaria research.

   **Award candidates are required to be nominated by an affiliated organization/parent institution. The recipient will be a keynote speaker at the Meeting’s Closing Ceremony on 14 December 2018.**

2. **Young Investigator Award**
   
   An award for ‘Young Investigator Presentation’ will be presented at this year’s Meeting. Eligible applicants must be current Master’s or Ph.D. students, or recent graduates (degree received in either 2017 or 2018). The top 5 abstracts will be selected for oral presentation on the basis of scientific merit.

   **Terms of Award:**
   - Certificate of Recognition
   - 5,000 Baht (1st Prize only)
   - Registration fee waived for all presenters

3. **Poster Presentation Award**
   
   The Poster Presentation Award is given the best Turbo Talk or poster presentation. The JITMM Scientific Committee will score each poster according to the following criteria:

   - Knowledge (information contained in the poster) 30%
   - Communication (comprehensibility and ease of understanding) 30%
   - Aesthetics (layout/graphics/appearance) 20%
   - Presentation (based on the oral description by the presenter) 20%

   **Terms of Award:**
   - Certificate of Recognition
   - 3,000 Baht (1st Prize)
   - 2,000 Baht (2nd Prize)
   - 1,000 Baht (3rd Prize)

**4. Travel Awards**

The Faculty of Tropical Medicine, with support from Wellcome Trust will provide Travel Awards to deserving researchers, to allow them to present their work at JITMM2018 and to meet and learn from other international researchers.

**Who is eligible?**
- Early career researchers from:
  - low- and middle-income countries (LMICs), as defined by the World Bank
  - countries in the ASEAN Community
  - Previous JITMM travel award winners and invited speakers are not eligible

**Selection Process**
- Awards will be selected based on the quality and relevance of their submitted abstract
- Only unpublished abstracts will be accepted
- Selection will be conducted by the JITMM Scientific Committee

**The Award**
- Waived registration for all 3 days of JITMM2018
- Full or partial* reimbursement of flight costs (* according to number of applicants and availability of funds)

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Further Details

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Dear Colleagues and Friends

On behalf of the Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University, it is my great pleasure to invite you to the Joint International Tropical Medicine Meeting (JITMM): Southeast Asia’s largest Tropical Medicine conference.

Each year, the Faculty of Tropical Medicine and its co-organizers host this event, giving researchers, policy-makers, doctors, scientists, public-health professionals, and students the opportunity to meet and learn from one another for the improved health of people living in, and traveling through, the Tropics.

The meeting will cover a large range of tropical diseases, especially those endemic to Asia. These include malaria, dengue, helminthic infections, bacterial, viral, fungal and parasitic diseases, and the fields of disease epidemiology, drug development, education, biology, ethics and many more.

Every year we would like to strongly encourage Tropical Medicine professionals from the ASEAN Community to join the meeting. Your participation will add valued diversity and greater insight from endemic areas. To help facilitate your participation, the fees for those from the ASEAN Community will be the same as for residents of Thailand, a discount of nearly 50%.

I invite you to join us and take part in three days of interesting and rewarding sessions and interactions. The meeting will be held in central Bangkok, so there is also plenty to see and do in your free time.

Our website, www.jitmm.com, has all the details you need to book your place, submit abstracts for oral or poster presentations. Guidelines for abstract submission can be found on the Meeting website, www.jitmm.com

We greatly look forward to seeing you all at JITMM2018 in Bangkok, 12-14 December 2018!

Yours sincerely

Associate Professor Pratap Singhasivanon
Chair, Organizing Committee, JITMM2018