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BACKGROUND AND GOALS

The ASEAN Medical Schools Network (AMSN) was established in 2012 by Clinical Professor Udom Kachintorn, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine at Siriraj Hospital, Mahidol University. The aims of AMSN are to promote friendship and collaboration among the leading medical schools in ASEAN; to achieve excellence in medical education and healthcare; to share human resources and assist one another in capacity building in medical education and research; and to work as one community as part of the ASEAN Economic Community by 2015.

A major initiative of AMSN is the annual ASEAN Medical Deans' Summit. The first summit was held in September 2012 at Siriraj Hospital, Mahidol University in Bangkok, Thailand. In 2013, the second summit was hosted by the University of Malaya in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The three major goals of the summit are to develop harmonised curricula for medical schools and allied health professional schools, to establish a collaborative network in biomedical research, and to foster vibrant academic exchange programmes for medical students and faculty.

The 3rd ASEAN Medical Deans' Summit was held on 12-13 September 2014 at the National University of Singapore. This meeting brought together presidents, deans and rectors or their representatives from 12 medical schools in 10 ASEAN countries to exchange ideas and share experiences related to medical education and research in Southeast Asia.

Before the third summit, four key topics were identified as being of common interest to members of the network. Four work groups were established to explore these topics in depth: 1) Accreditation, led by University of the Philippines and Mahidol University; 2) Medical Education Curriculum, led by University of Malaya; 3) Medical Elective Exchanges, led by Universitas Indonesia; and 4) Research, led by Mahidol University and the National University of Singapore. Findings from the first three work groups were discussed on Day One of the summit, while research work group items were discussed on Day Two.

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- 6. Professor Vibol Ung (Deputy Dean of Research, University of Health Sciences) Cambodia
- 7. Dr. Ratna Sitompul (Dean, Faculty of Medicine Universitas Indonesia) Indonesia
- 8. Dr. Ardi Findyartini (Head of Medical Education, Faculty of Medicine Universitas Indonesia) Indonesia
- 9. Dr. Nani Cahyani Sudarsono (Manager of Education & Students Affairs, Faculty of Medicine Universitas Indonesia) Indonesia
- 10. Dr. Budi Wiweko (Manager of Research and Social Services, Faculty of Medicine Universitas Indonesia) Indonesia
- 11. Professor Dr. Vongsinh Phothisanesack (Dean, Faculty of Medicine, University of Health Sciences, Lao PDR) Lao PDR
- 12. Dr. Alongkone Phengsavanh (Vice Dean for Academic Affairs Residency Training Program, Faculty of Postgraduate Studies, University of Health Sciences, Lao PDR) Lao PDR
- 13. Professor Dr. Adeeba Binti Kamarulzaman (Dean, Faculty of Medicine, University of Malaya) Malaysia
- 14. Professor Mohammad Rais Mustafa (Deputy Dean of Research, Faculty of Medicine, University of Malaya) Malaysia
- 15. Professor Jamunarani A/P S Vadivelu (Principal Investigator, Department of Medical Microbiology, Faculty of Medicine, University of Malaya) - Malaysia
- 16. Associate Professor Maznah Binti Dahlui (Principal Investigator, Department of Social and Preventative Medicine, Faculty of Medicine, University of Malaya) Malaysia
- 17. Dr. Tee Kok Keng (Principal Investigator, Department of Medicine, Faculty of Medicine, University of Malaya) Malaysia
- 18. Professor Theingi Myint (Pro-Rector, University of Medicine 1, Yangon) Myanmar
- 19. Professor Tin Maung Han (Rector, University of Medicine, Mandalay) Myanmar
- 20. Professor Agnes Dominguez Mejia (Dean, University of the Philippines College of Medicine) Philippines
- 21. Dr. Armando C. Crisostomo (Associate Dean for Planning and Research, University of the Philippines College of Medicine) Philippines
- 22. Dr. Coralie Dimacali (Associate Dean for Academic Development, University of the Philippines College of Medicine) Philippines

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- 27. Ms Chalotorn Olanprasert (International Relations Officer, Faculty of Science Siriraj Hospital, Mahidol University) Thailand
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- 29. Associate Professor Ta Thanh Van (Vice President, Hanoi Medical University)

 Vietnam

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- 30. Professor John Wong (Chief Executive, National University Health System)
- 31. Dr. Khay Guan Yeoh (Dean, Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine)
- 32. Professor Hooi Shing Chuan (Vice Dean of Education, Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine)
- 33. Associate Professor Teo Yik Ying (Vice Dean of Research, Saw Swee Hock School of Public Health)
- 34. Associate Professor Koh Dow Rhoon (Department of Physiology, Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine)
- 35. Associate Professor Eugene Liu (Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs, Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine)
- 36. Associate Professor Sim Tiow Suan (Assistant Dean of Research, Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine)
- 37. Associate Professor George Yip (Assistant Dean of Research, Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine)
- 38. Associate Professor Shaikali Thameem Dheen (Assistant Dean of Research, Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine)
- 39. Dr. Dujeepa D Samarasekera (Director, Medical Education Unit, Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine)

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- 40. Ms Helen Chou (Assistant Head, International Organisations Programme Office, Economic Development Board)
- 41. Ms Poh Mei Yi (Senior Officer, International Organisations Programme Office, Economic Development Board)
- 42. Mr Gerald Yeo (Director of Programmes and Partnerships, Temasek Foundation)
- 43. Dr. Lau Hong Choon (Director, Manpower Standards & Development Division, Ministry of Health)
- 44. Dr. Mabel Yap (2nd Director, Manpower Standards & Development Division, Ministry of Health)



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She has served various university administrative roles and was the Dean of Students at UBD from 2009-2011. She participated in "Change management" training, "Transformational leaders", "Change mindset" & "Visualising mindset" workshop organised by UBD. She also facilitated "Inspiring Change Workshop" for the Senior Executive Officers Development Programme (SEDP) organised by ILIA from 2009 until 2011, and "V-Sigma Workshop" for the Middle Management Officers from various ministries in 2010 & 2011.



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Her academic and research interests lie in community health and management of non-communicable diseases focusing on primary preventive approaches. She is currently the principle investigator in the Brunei-Germany Alzheimer's Disease project in identifying early markers in diagnosis. Her other research projects are in medical education and clinical research in obesity and diabetes.



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His research interest is in the field of public health and environmental health which will help promote the social and environmental health of Cambodia.

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She was trained in Master Degree of Pedagogic and involved in the development and revised the medical curriculum for the faculty of medicine. She is a faculty advisor for supporting clinical mentor in practical site where we send our residency student.

She really appreciates and supports the collaboration with ASEAN countries in terms of research, student exchange, medical education for improving and strengthen capacity the staff and produce the good medical doctor in the future.



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She continued her education in International Short course in HIV Medicine and Related Conditions, Australasian Society for HIV Medicine in Melbourne, Victoria, Australia. She was also trained in Research Methods and Epidemiological Study Design in Hanoi, Viet Nam and Field Research Training Program, Kirby Institute, Melbourne. Moreover, she participated in training of ethical related to HIV testing and human right, good clinical practice, human subject protection and the research study of HIV/AIDS in Cambodia.

She is a member of technical working group on the development and the revised the national guideline for pediatric infectious diseases, training curriculum related to pediatric HIV clinical management, prevention the transmission of HIV from mother to child. She is the national mentor for supporting, guiding, supervising the quality of care of pediatric AIDS care sites in the provincial level. She also gives pediatric lecture for medical students at University of Health science and residency students.



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Her interest in infectious and imunological diseases is shown from the numerous research and publications obtained through the last 15 years. In 1996, she underwent fellowship at Augenclinick, Innsbruck University, Austria. Two years later, she took Post Graduate Diploma from Department of Biochemistry, Queensland University. She holds doctorate degree from University of Indonesia in 2005.

She developed research activities by recruiting and enhancing the skills and qualities of young scientists, increasing research fund allocation by investing 25% of faculty capital for capacity building and another 25% specifically for research development, developing mutual collaborations among national and international research institutions, and inviting foreign scientists.

Along with her role as a Dean, Ratna Sitompul is still actively involved in undergraduate and graduate education. She was once the Head of Educational Program at Department of Ophthalmology, FMUI and the Vice President of Indonesian Ophthalmologist Association.



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Besides as a General Secretary, he is now The President Elect of Indonesian Association for IVF (IA-IVF) for 2016-2020 and a member of advisory board of Merck Serono Asia Pacific. He is also a secretary of Indonesian Society for Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility (HIFERI) and Indonesian Society for Obstetrics and Gynecology (POGI-JAYA).



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Maznah's research interest extends to cancer screening, HIV and sexual and reproductive health (especially in adolescents) and obesity prevention. She has been actively engaging NGOs and empowering the communities for breast cancer screening and combating chronic diseases such as hypertension and diabetes. Her international research experiences include working with collaborators in Nigeria on sexual reproductive health issues under the auspices of the Africa-Asia Development University Network (AADUN) and Obesity Prevention Program under Asia-Pacific Academic Consortium of Public Health.

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He has researched extensively and written on the genetics and evolution of major human viruses such as the HIV-1, hepatitis C virus, influenza virus and human enteroviruses. His research on HIV-1 has led to the discovery of numerous novel virus genotypes that may have implications in disease pathogenesis, diagnosis, management and also future vaccine development. In addition, his research on the evolutionary dynamics of human pathogens provides new insights on the transmission networks and spatiotemporal spread of viruses in a global scale. Still early in his career in academia, he has published extensively in the field of virology with an *h*-index of 15, and has received a number of international awards, including the ASM Young Ambassador, Daiwa Adrian Prize and the Lindau Award. He also serves as the reviewer/editor for major HIV conferences and numerous high-impact journals including *PLoS One, Journal of Virology* and *Journal of Infectious Diseases*.



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Her past research experience was protein glycation and oxidative stress in diabetes and neurodegenerative diseases and had published 16 papers in international journals and 2 papers in local journal, Myanmar Health Science Research Journal (MHSRJ). She got best paper award of Basic Research in Myanmar Research Congress in 2001. She is also interested in genetic polymorphisms and proteomic research relating to metabolic disease and cancer in Myanmar.

Prof. Theingi Myint is an Editorial Board member of MHSRJ. She is a member of Myanmar Academy of Medical Science (MAMS) as well as a secretary of Medical Education subgroup.



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He worked as a pro-rector in University of Medicine, Mandalay, Myanmar from January 2013 to April 2013. After that, he was promoted to the status of rector and has been working as a rector up to now.



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Professor Udom is the past President of the Gastroenterological Association of Thailand, and he previously served as President of Asian Pacific Digestive Week 2012 held in Bangkok. Along with his gastrointestinal professional, one of his main interests is medical education. Professor Udom has been involved markedly in medical education while he served as Assistant Dean for continuing medical education and Chairman Department of Internal Medicine for a total duration of more than 15 years. Currently he takes a leading role in transforming medical curriculum toward system-based learning and 21stcentury medical education at Faculty of Medicine Siriraj Hospital, Mahidol University.



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PROGRAMME

DAY ONE: 12 SEPTEMBER (FRIDAY)

TIME	ACTIVITY	Presenter/Moderator
09:30	Welcome and Introductions	Dr. Khay Guan Yeoh Professor John Wong
10:00	Overview of AMSN and ASEAN Medical Deans' Summit	Clinical Professor Udom Kachintorn, AMSN Chairperson
11:00	Topic 1: Accreditation Planning	Professor Agnes Mejia Professor Dr. Prasit Watanapa
12:00	Lunch	
13:15	Topic 2: Medical Education Curriculum	Professor Dr. Adeeba Binti Kamarulzaman
14:15	Topic 3: Medical Elective Exchanges	Dr. Ratna Sitompul
15:15	Summary of discussion and other business	
16:15	Group photo and tour of Centre for Healthcare Simulation	Tour led by Associate Professor Suresh Pillai
17:30	End of Day One	

DAY TWO: 13 SEPTEMBER (SATURDAY) MEDICAL RESEARCH NETWORK MEETING

TIME	ACTIVITY	Presenter/Moderator
08:50	Opening Address	Associate Professor Sim Tiow Suan
09:00	Research Theme 1: Communicable Diseases	Associate Professor Sim Tiow Suan Associate Professor Teo Yik Ying Professor Dr. Ruengpung Sutthent
10:30	Coffee Break	
11:00	Research Theme 2: Non- Communicable Diseases	Associate Professor George Yip Associate Professor S T Dheen Professor Mohammad Rais Mustafa
12:30	Lunch	
13:30	Research Theme 3: Medical Education Research	Professor Hooi Shing Chuan Dr. Armando Crisostomo
15:00	Summary and Action Plan	Associate Professor Sim Tiow Suan Professor Dr. Ruengpung Sutthent
15:50	Closing Remarks	Professor Dr. Ruengpung Sutthent
16:00	Light Refreshments	
16:45	End of Day Two	

TOPIC 1: ACCREDITATION PLANNING

PRESENTERS

- Professor Agnes Dominguez Mejia, Dean, University of the Philippines College of Medicine, Philippines (Co-Chairperson for the Accreditation Planning Work Group)
- Professor Dr. Prasit Watanapa, Deputy Dean and Director of Siriraj Hospital, Faculty of Science Siriraj Hospital, Mahidol University, Thailand (Co-Chairperson for the Accreditation Planning Work Group)
- Dr. Coralie Dimacali, Associate Dean for Academic Development, University of the Philippines College of Medicine, Philippines

SYNOPSIS

External accreditation of medical schools remains a very important issue in the region. This is partly because medical schools in the United States and Canada will soon require international accreditation in order to accept foreign medical professionals for postgraduate training. On the whole, ASEAN medical schools are very keen to promote international recognition of their educational standards and boost their international reputations.

Before the summit, Dr. Coralie Dimacali, Dean Agnes Dominguez Mejia, and Professor Prasit Watanapa had conducted a survey of AMSN medical schools to determine the status of accreditation among the schools. Of the 10 countries that responded, six had some type of external accreditation for undergraduate medical education (among these, five were mandatory and one was voluntary). The other four countries, Laos, Myanmar, Singapore, and Vietnam, did not have external accreditation for undergraduate medical education.

In countries with external accreditation, countries with more publicly funded medical schools were better able to impose mandatory external accreditation. Mandatory external accreditation was also more common for postgraduate than for basic medical education.

Almost all of the medical schools that responded were accredited by local accrediting agencies in their respective countries. Most local accrediting agencies used their own set of accrediting standards, but some used international standards such as those recommended by the World Federation of Medical Education (WFME) as a guide.

The survey showed that the following parameters are used in accrediting both basic and postgraduate medical education: faculty/academic staff, students/student assessment, academic programme and physical plant. In addition to these parameters, accreditation of basic medical education evaluated the institutions' mission/vision goals; governance and administration; financing/financial management; and learning resources/ library. Accreditation of postgraduate medical education also considered graduates, clinical training facilities and research parameters.

Both workgroup chairpersons felt that accreditation of postgraduate medical education was not consistent among ASEAN countries, which is a problem for doctors migrating to other countries within ASEAN. They also pointed out that use of WFME standards was not widespread in ASEAN. Thus, Dean Mejia and Prof Watanapa propose that all countries in AMSN move towards using WFME criteria or adapted WFME criteria for accreditation. Since this will require funding and long-term planning, Prof Watanapa proposed applying for funds for the accreditation effort.

Providing a Singaporean perspective, Dr. Mabel Goh and Dr. Lau Hong Choon from the Singapore Ministry of Health shared some of the accreditation processes that Singapore is undertaking. Starting in 2014, Singapore is standardising all Postgraduate Year 1 clinical internship programmes. Although undergraduate medical education in Singapore is not currently accredited by an international accrediting agency, most of the postgraduate specialty programmes have been accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) in the United States since 2010. At the time, Singapore brought officials from ACGME to Singapore to help facilitate the accreditation process.

CONCLUSIONS

Accreditation is one of the most important issues for medical schools in the Network because it influences international recognition of the quality of their graduates and impacts their graduates' ability to work in other countries, especially Western countries. The current status and type of accreditation in Network medical schools are very variable, with most schools using local accrediting agencies and their own set of criteria. The Accreditation Planning Workgroup co-chairs propose that members of the Network move towards incorporating international accrediting standards such as WFME criteria. For accreditation, more ASEAN medical schools beyond the current Network should be included to increase the scope of the programme and its appeal to funding agencies.

ACTION ITEMS

 Approach WHO, the Association of Southeast Asian Institutions of Higher Learning (ASAIHL), and/or other funding organizations to financially support accreditation activities of the ASEAN Medical School Network.

Responsible Party: Prof Prasit Watanapa (Mahidol University,

Thailand). Dean Ratna Sitompul (Indonesia) will provide the ASAIHL contact information.

2. During the 2015 summit, the team from the University of Philippines will demonstrate the process and documentation required for WFME accreditation.

Responsible Party: Dean Agnes Mejia and team

(University of the Philippines)

TOPIC 2: MEDICAL EDUCATION CURRICULUM

PRESENTER

Professor Dr. Adeeba Binti Kamarulzaman, Dean, Faculty of Medicine, University of Malaya, Malaysia (Chairperson of the Medical Education Curriculum Work Group)

SYNOPSIS

The need for new forms of assessment, including those using new technologies, was a major theme in Dean Adeeba Binti Kamarulzaman's presentation. To provide a first- hand perspective on medical education reform, Dean Adeeba shared the experiences of the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Malaya in revamping their entrance examination and medical education curriculum. After the 2nd ASEAN Medical Deans' Summit in 2013, the University of Malaya worked with the University of Cambridge and Imperial College London to design a new medical entrance examination for the University of Malaya that assessed aptitude, scientific knowledge, critical thinking skills and writing skills.

Using the new examination, medical students at the University of Malaya scored better than University of Cambridge students in aptitude and scientific knowledge, but lagged behind their British counterparts in critical thinking and writing skills. The University of Malaya is now working with the University of Cambridge to improve these skills in Malaysian medical students.

The University of Malaya is also implementing changes in its medical education curriculum. Before 2013, the curriculum clearly differentiated between pre-clinical and clinical years. Since September 2013, the university has been working with the University of Sydney to develop an integrated curriculum and to incorporate newer forms of assessment that are formative and competency-based rather than strictly knowledge-based. The students now have an earlier introduction to clinical skills and to the wards.

Extrapolating the lessons learned from the University of Malaya, Dean Adeeba proposed that the work group focus on innovations in assessment such as online and role play assessments as well as assessments that use simulation technology. Dr. Armando Crisostomo of the University of the Philippines opined that outcomes-based assessments were the most important. The work group will conduct a survey before the 2015 summit to evaluate the different assessment methods and state of curriculum at medical schools in the Network. Results of the survey will help to facilitate improvement of assessment methods and development of a common curriculum framework.

Another proposed focus of the work group is interprofessional education, which is highly variable among the medical schools in the Network. While some schools incorporate interprofessional education in their formal curriculum, others have more informal means of instruction, and still others do not engage in any interprofessional education.

Finally, the group selected a co-chair for the workgroup to jointly lead medical education curriculum strategy with Dean Adeeba.

CONCLUSIONS

A co-chair for the Medical Education Curriculum Workgroup was selected: Dr. Nurolaini Pg Haji Muhd Kifli, Deputy Dean of Pengiran Anak Puteri Rashidah Sa'adatul Bolkiah Institute of Health Sciences at the Universiti Brunei Darussalam. The medical education curriculum section of the 2015 ASEAN Medical Deans' Summit will focus on two major topics. The first topic involves new forms of assessment, especially outcomes-based methods. Another topic of general interest is interprofessional education, which varies greatly between medical schools in the Network.

ACTION ITEMS

1. All member universities to send Professor Jamunarani A/P S Vadivelu their contact person for the medical education curriculum survey, by end of November 2014. The survey will determine the different assessment methods and state of curriculum at member medical schools as well as other non-member schools (deans to send to their colleagues at non-member medical schools in their countries).

Responsible Parties: Deans of all member universities; Prof Jamunarani A/P S Vadivelu (University of Malaya) to disseminate the survey and collate responses.

Decide on medical education curriculum agenda items for the 2015 summit.

Responsible Parties: Dean Adeeba Binti Kamarulzaman (University of Malaya) and Dean Agnes Mejia (University of the Philippines).

3. Nominate a representative from each university to join the Medical Education Work Group.

Responsible Parties: Deans of all member universities to send their nominees to Dean Adeeba Binti Kamarulzaman (University of Malaya).

TOPIC 3: MEDICAL ELECTIVE EXCHANGES

PRESENTER

Dr. Ratna Sitompul, Dean, Faculty of Medicine, Universitas Indonesia, Indonesia (Chairperson of the Medical Elective Exchanges Work Group)

SYNOPSIS

Dean Ratna Sitompul opened the discussion on medical elective exchanges by talking about the diversity and healthcare challenges among the countries in the Network. She said that the countries are diverse in terms of social, economic and religious aspects. However, they face common challenges, including existing and new infectious disease pathogens, migration and a modern, unhealthy lifestyle.

In order to improve the future landscape of health in ASEAN, Dean Sitompul emphasised the need to nurture medical students to become doctors who understand the common healthcare problems in the region and have the cultural competency to collaborate effectively with one another. Although many of the medical schools already have elective postings that provide opportunities for student exchanges within ASEAN, Dean Sitompul felt that a special project would help build even closer relationships and have students think about what they would do to promote healthcare in ASEAN when they are doctors.

To achieve these goals, the Medical Elective Exchanges Workgroup proposed a new programme, One ASEAN, One Medicine: To Explore, To Exchange and To Excel (O2E3). The O2E3 programme will include a short-term component and a long-term component. The short-term component will feature a 3-day student camp (to be held in Bali, Bogor or Bandung) and seminars or conferences every year or every two years. The long-term portion will include electives and student exchanges.

Combining Dean Sitompul's ideas with suggestions from Professor Prasit Watanapa, a 6-month collaborative project was proposed. Teams of five to 10 members from different ASEAN countries will be formed, and the members of each team will meet virtually by video conference. After this meeting, each team will collaborate online for six months to produce a proposal for addressing a healthcare problem.

After six months, the teams will gather for the student camp, where they will present their proposals. Such a project will foster strong ties among students from different ASEAN countries and provide students with the opportunity to exchange ideas and to work closely with and learn from their counterparts in other countries.

CONCLUSIONS

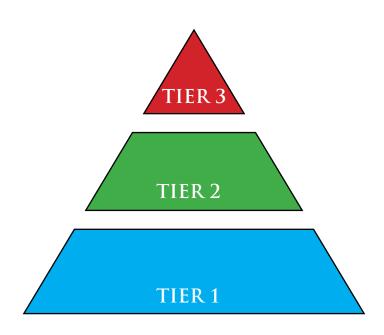
Although student elective exchange programmes are already established among many schools in ASEAN, there is a lack of collaborative projects among medical students from different ASEAN countries. To address this need, the Medical Elective Exchanges Work Group proposed initiating a programme in which groups consisting of students from different countries will collaborate on a 6-month healthcare project and present their proposals in a 3-day student camp. Through such programmes, ASEAN medical students can be nurtured to become future doctors with the heart and understanding to work together to improve health in the region.

ACTION ITEMS

- Six-month projects for teams of five to 10 students from different countries, culminating in a 3-day student camp to be held in Indonesia in 2016. Connect students with one another by video conference to kick off the projects.
 - Responsible Party: Dean Ratna Sitompul (Universitas Indonesia)
- 2. Nominate a faculty member or student representative from each university to join the Medical Elective Exchanges Work Group.
 - Responsible Parties: Deans of all member universities

MEDICAL RESEARCH NETWORK MEETING

Day Two was dedicated to the discussion of medical research needs in ASEAN and proposals of research projects that involve collaboration among member countries. Dr. Khay Guan Yeoh, Dean of the Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine at the National University of Singapore, the host of the 3rd ASEAN Medical Deans' Summit, proposed the following pyramid of research priorities:



Tier 3: 1-2 research projects of the <u>highest</u> <u>importance</u> for most member countries; most likely to engender widespread collaboration. Concerted funding from international agencies could be sought for these projects.

Tier 2: 2-3 research projects of high importance for several member countries; could lead to collaboration among several countries. Projects could be funded by the interested countries.

Tier 1: Multiple research projects of intermediate importance for several member countries; may lead to collaboration among a few countries. Projects could be funded by the interested countries.

The Day Two agenda was divided into three sections:

- 1) Communicable Diseases
- 2) Non-Communicable Diseases
- 3) Medical Education Research

For each section, the report will summarise the discussion and outline the Tier 3, Tier 2 and Tier 1 projects. This report will include action items for Tier 3 projects <u>only</u> to focus readers' attention on those next steps that are the most important to the Network. This could in turn increase the probability of establishing a few productive research collaborations before the 2015 Summit. Action items for Tier 2 and Tier 1 projects will be included in the research meeting minutes that will be sent to all attendees of the research meeting.

RESEARCH THEME 1: COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

Presenters/ Moderators

- Associate Professor Sim Tiow Suan, Assistant Dean of Research, Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine, National University of Singapore, Singapore (Co-Chairperson of the Research Work Group)
- Professor Dr. Ruengpung Sutthent, Deputy Dean of Research, Faculty of Science Siriraj Hospital, Mahidol University, Thailand (Co-Chairperson of the Research Work Group)
- Associate Professor Teo Yik Ying, Vice Dean of Research, Saw Swee Hock School of Public Health, National University of Singapore, Singapore

SYNOPSIS

A survey of member countries conducted by Associate Professor Sim Tiow Suan revealed that the communicable disease research areas of greatest interest were tuberculosis (TB), dengue, HIV and malaria. The group decided to incorporate malaria into the topic of drug resistance and not assign a separate discussion group for it. Attendees then organised themselves into three groups to discuss possible research collaborations in TB, dengue and HIV.

Dean Yeoh Khay Guan encouraged the groups to think about research projects that are long term, clearly address an important question, lend themselves to collaboration among multiple countries and showcase existing strengths among the member countries. After a period of discussion, the groups presented their proposed research collaborations, classified into Tier 3, Tier 2 and Tier 1 projects. Tier 3 research projects were of the greatest general importance and were also most likely to result in widespread collaboration.

Tier 3 Projects

1. TB Research

"Asian Tuberculosis Research and Clinical Trials Integrated Organizational Network (A-TRACTION)"

Projects:

- ♦ Establish a regional multidrug-resistant TB database.
- ♦ Establish a regional TB genomics platform.
- Participate in the Two-month Regimens Using Novel Combinations to Augment Treatment Effectiveness for drug-sensitive Tuberculosis (TRUNCATE-TB) trial. This Asia-based trial has already received \$10 million in funding from the Wellcome Trust, thus interested members could get involved immediately.

Lead: Professor Nick Paton (National University of Singapore)

2. Dengue Research

Projects:

- ♦ Evaluation of host and viral factors that influence dengue susceptibility and severity. Factors will be identified using genomic and proteomic platforms.
- ♦ Collaborative dengue surveillance and public health programme in ASEAN.

Leads:

- ♦ Associate Professor Justin Chu (National University of Singapore)
- ♦ Professor Jamunarani A/P S Vadivelu (University of Malaya)
- ♦ Professor Ruengpung Sutthent (Mahidol University)

Tier 2 Projects

 Collaborative network for molecular surveillance and genetic characterization of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and hepatitis C virus (HCV). Involves molecular subtyping, disease modelling, cross-country transmission and discovery of new genotypes.

Lead: Dr. Tee Kok Keng (University of Malaya)

2. Preventing horizontal transmission of HIV in serodiscordant couples who have undetectable viral load.

Lead: Dr. Budi Wiweko (Universitas Indonesia)

3. Leptispirosis in the ASEAN region.

Development of a database of leptospirosis epidemiology in ASEAN and discovery of early diagnostic markers for leptospirosis.

Lead: Dr. Armando Crisostomo (University of the Philippines)

Tier 1 Project

Establish a clinical database for paediatric HIV.

Lead: Dr. Vibol Ung (University of Health Sciences, Cambodia)

CONCLUSIONS

Following the proposed pyramid of priorities, the group agreed on the two most important research projects (Tier 3) in communicable diseases. These top-priority projects include TB and dengue research. One of the TB projects, the TRUNCATE-TB clinical trial, is already funded and should lead to strong collaborations in ASEAN within a short period of time.

From now until the 2015 Summit, a key research goal is to make progress in the Tier 3 research collaborations. Many countries expressed their support of these projects, reiterating their primary importance to ASEAN. To further highlight the importance of TB research, Professor Vibol Ung (University of Health Sciences, Cambodia) mentioned that TB is a leading cause of death in Cambodia.

Other projects of high or intermediate importance to several countries (Tier 2 and Tier 1) were proposed in the areas of HIV, HCV and leptospirosis research.

ACTION ITEMS (TIER 3 ONLY)

1. Investigate funding sources for research in TB and dengue, the two communicable disease topics that are of great interest to all member countries. Note that some TB funding (for TRUNCATE-TB trial) is already in place.

Responsible Parties: All members

2. Identify TB and dengue researchers at member universities or other non-member universities in the 10 countries. Engage these researchers in the TB and dengue research collaborations.

Responsible Party: Research Division, Dean's Office (National University of Singapore) to coordinate.

RESEARCH THEME 2: Non-Communicable Diseases

Presenters/ Moderators

- Associate Professor George Yip, Assistant Dean of Research, Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine, National University of Singapore, Singapore
- Associate Professor Shaikali Thameem Dheen, Assistant Dean of Research, Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine, National University of Singapore, Singapore
- Professor Mohammad Rais Mustafa, Deputy Dean of Research, Faculty of Medicine, University of Malaya, Malaysia

SYNOPSIS

Based on a survey of member countries, the research areas in non-communicable disease of greatest interest were cancer, diabetes, cardiovascular disease, as well as ageing and trauma-related issues. Although these are rather broad classifications, a common theme appeared to be the effect of modern, unhealthy lifestyles on the development of chronic diseases. Representatives from many countries expressed their interest in research on the prevention of obesity, diabetes and cardiovascular disease.

Before the breakout session, Associate Professor Teo Yik Ying (National University of Singapore) challenged the attendees to craft programmes that could effectively compete with American and European groups for funding by offering something different, i.e., a competitive edge. He emphasised that this was especially important for non-communicable diseases, which are mostly not specific to Asia. One approach could be to look at diseases affected by nutrition and lifestyle, which differ between Asian and Western countries.

After discussion of the four topics in separate breakout groups, the groups presented the following proposals for Tier 3, Tier 2 and Tier 1 projects. The Tier 3 research project was of the greatest general importance and was also most likely to result in widespread collaboration.

Tier 3 Project

"Healthy Campus Initiative"

Involves:

- Pilot programme to be launched at ASEAN universities to determine whether specific interventions (e.g., including healthier food options or calorie information in campus vending machines) can shift behaviour towards more healthy habits.
- If so, further studies could assess the effects of such behavioural changes on health outcomes such as the reduction in absenteeism.
- Depending on the success of the pilot programme, it could be expanded beyond university campuses.

Lead: Associate Professor Teo Yik Ying

Tier 2 Projects

Gastrointestinal (GI) cancers.
 Determination of prevalence and epidemiology of gastrointestinal cancers in ASEAN and discovery of early diagnostic and prognostic markers as well as theranostic agents.

Lead: Associate Professor George Yip (National University of Singapore)

2. Breast cancer.

Determination of prevalence and epidemiology of breast cancer in ASEAN and discovery of early diagnostic and prognostic markers as well as theranostic agents.

Lead: Professor Ruengpung Sutthent (Mahidol University, Thailand)

- 3. Trauma and healthcare quality and patient safety. Involves:
 - Motorcycle accidents: Develop a common database of patterns of motorcycle injuries in ASEAN, establish best practices for prevention and management, and evaluate economic impact of accidents on victims.
 - Evaluate healthcare quality and patient safety in ASEAN.

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- Motorcycle accidents: Professor Nguyen Duc Hinh (Hanoi Medical University, Vietnam)
- Healthcare quality and patient safety: Dr. Armando Crisostomo (University of the Philippines)

Tier 1 Projects

1. Herbal medicine.

Determine the metabolomic effects of herbal medicines on conditions such as diabetes and cardiovascular disease.

Lead: A professor from Thailand (Professor Ruengpung Sutthent to provide name)

Pelvic organ prolapse. Details to be provided by Dr. Budi Wiweko.
 Lead: A professor from Indonesia (Dr. Budi Wiweko to provide name).

CONCLUSIONS

The group agreed that the most important non-communicable research project was the Healthy Campus Initiative, which would use public health research strategies to determine the effect of interventions on healthy behaviours as well as the impact of such behaviours on health outcomes. ASEAN university campuses, which this group has unique access to, are the ideal setting for a pilot study in this programme.

Other projects of high or intermediate importance to several countries (Tier 2 and Tier 1) include GI cancers, breast cancers, motorcycle accidents, patient safety, herbal medicine metabolomics and pelvic organ prolapse.

ACTION ITEM (TIER 3 ONLY)

"Healthy Campus Initiative" public health project: Need to work out details of a pilot programme to study the effectiveness of healthy behaviour measures on member campuses, e.g., vending machines that dispense healthier food options or that include calorie information

Responsible Party: Prof Teo Yik Ying (National University of Singapore) to coordinate

RESEARCH THEME 3: MEDICAL EDUCATION RESEARCH DISEASES

Presenters/ Moderators

- Professor Hooi Shing Chuan, Vice Dean of Education, Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine, National University of Singapore, Singapore
- Dr. Armando Crisostomo, Associate Dean for Planning and Research, University of the Philippines College of Medicine, Philippines

SYNOPSIS

Although there were many topics of interest in medical education research, the group agreed that the most important collaboration would involve establishing a common competency framework. This would encompass the core competencies or outcomes that medical graduates from all of the schools in the Network should possess.

Representatives from several countries indicated their enthusiasm for more practical competencies such as problem-solving capability, critical thinking skills and cultural competency over traditional rote-learning ability.

Another topic of interest for most countries was interprofessional education, which varied considerably among ASEAN medical schools. While some schools included interprofessional education as part of their formal curriculum, others had more informal instruction and yet others did not have any formal or informal education in this area. However, most countries expressed interest in developing or improving their interprofessional education curriculum.

Tier 3 Projects

1. Creation of a common core competency framework.

Reach a consensus on a common list of core competencies that all medical school graduates in ASEAN should possess. Further define standards for each core competency.

Lead: Dr. Coralie Dimacali (University of the Philippines)

2. Interprofessional education (IPE): Development of skills in interprofessional collaboration and teamwork for ASEAN medical students.

Identify best practices and develop IPE strategies.

Lead: Dr. Budi Wiwenko (Universitas Indonesia)

CONCLUSIONS

The group agreed to prioritise development of a core competency framework consisting of competencies that will be common to graduates from member medical schools. A secondary aim is to develop interprofessional educational strategies for ASEAN medical schools.

ACTION ITEMS (TIER 3 ONLY)

 Decide on a set of core competencies that can be endorsed by the Network. Final consensus to be reached at the Asia Pacific Medical Education Conference (APMEC) in February 2015, or at the 2015 ASEAN Medical Deans' Summit.

Responsible Party: Dr. Coralie Dimacali (University of the Philippines)

will send out a draft framework of core competencies, coordinate discussion and help

establish consensus.

2. Identify the best approach for interprofessional education and strategies for ASEAN medical schools. Final consensus to be reached at the Asia Pacific Medical Education Conference (APMEC) in February 2015, or at the 2015 ASEAN Medical Deans' Summit.

Responsible Party: Dr. Budi Wiwenko (Universitas Indonesia) will

lead the review, coordinate discussion and help establish strategies for ASEAN medical schools.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Upcoming summits and other events:
 - ♦ 2015 Deans' Summit: To be held in Manila, the Philippines on 23-24 June, 2015. Agenda to be determined closer to the date.
 - ♦ 2016 Deans' Summit: To be held in Yangon, Myanmar.
 - ♦ 2016 Student Camp: To be held in Indonesia, in September or later. Venue to be determined.
 - ♦ 2017 Deans' Summit: To be held in Indonesia. Dates and venue to be determined.
- Leadership and secretariat. The 2-year term of Clinical Professor Udom Kachintorn and Mahidol University, Thailand is expiring in 2015. The next AMSN chairperson and secretariat will be decided at the 2015 Summit.
- Sponsorship for summits. Host country will sponsor venue, accommodation and internal transport (for a designated duration and number of attendees). Other expenses will be self-sponsored by attendees.
- Decide on name and logo of network. Besides "ASEAN Medical Schools Network", the name "ASEAN Medicine" was also proposed. Mahidol University, Thailand will send candidate names and logos to members and final name and logo will be decided by vote. Timeframe: 2014-2015.
- Bylaws. Create bylaws to ensure that the Network continues beyond the terms of the current Presidents, Deans and Rectors. Timeframe: 2015-2016.
- Membership. Increase the number of countries included for accreditation but keep the number of member countries the same. Later, more countries can be added as associate members.

SUMMMARY OF ACTION ITEMS

DAY ONE

1. Approach WHO, the Association of Southeast Asian Institution of Higher Learning (ASAIHL), and/or other funding organizations to financially support accreditation activities of the ASEAN Medical School Network.

Responsible Party: Prof Prasit Watanapa (Mahidol University,

Thailand). Dean Ratna Sitompul (Indonesia) will provide the ASAIHL contact information.

2. During the 2015 summit, the team from the University of Philippines will demonstrate the process and documentation required for WFME accreditation.

Responsible Party: Dean Agnes Mejia and team (University of the

Philippines)

3. All member universities to send Professor Jamunarani A/P S Vadivelu their contact person for the medical education curriculum survey, by end of November 2014. The survey will determine the different assessment methods and state of curriculum at member medical schools as well as other non-member schools (deans to send to their colleagues at non-member medical schools in their countries).

Responsible Parties: Deans of all member universities; Prof Jamunarani A/P S Vadivelu (University of Malaya) to

disseminate the survey and collate responses.

 Decide on medical education curriculum agenda items for the 2015 summit.

Responsible Parties: Dean Adeeba Binti Kamarulzaman (University of Malaya) and Dean Agnes Mejia (University of the

Philippines).

5. Nominate a representative from each university to join the Medical Education Work Group.

Responsible Parties: Deans of all member universities to send their nominees to Dean Adeeba Binti Kamarulzaman

(University of Malaya).

6. Six-month projects for teams of five to 10 students from different countries, culminating in a 3-day student camp to be held in Indonesia in 2016. Connect students with one another by video conference to kick off the projects.

Responsible Party: Dean Ratna Sitompul (Universitas Indonesia)

7. Nominate a faculty member or student representative from each university to join the Medical Elective Exchanges Work Group.

Responsible Parties: Deans of all member universities

DAY TWO (MEDICAL RESEARCH NETWORK MEETING) – TIER 3 ACTION ITEMS ONLY 8. Investigate funding sources for research in TB and dengue, the two communicable disease topics that are of great interest to all member countries. Note that some TB funding (for TRUNCATE-TB trial) is already in place.

Responsible Parties: All members

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Responsible Party: Research Division, Dean's Office (National University of Singapore) to coordinate.

10."Healthy Campus Initiative" public health project: Need to work out details of a pilot programme to study the effectiveness of healthy behaviour measures on member campuses, e.g., vending machines that dispense healthier food options or that include calorie information.

Responsible Party: Prof Teo Yik Ying (National University of

Singapore) to coordinate

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Responsible Party: Dr. Coralie Dimacali (University of the Philippines)

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Responsible Party: Dr. Budi Wiwenko (Universitas Indonesia) will

lead the review, coordinate discussion and help establish strategies for ASEAN medical schools.

OTHER BUSINESS 13. Name and logo of network.

<u>Responsible Party</u>: Mahidol University, Thailand will send candidate

names and logos to members and final name and logo will be decided by vote. Timeframe: 2014-2015.

OVERALL SUMMARY

The 3rd ASEAN Medical Deans' Summit was an extremely productive meeting, resulting in many lively discussions and definitive action items. Members of the ASEAN Medical Schools Network (AMSN) showed that they were united on educational and accreditation issues that are important for the region. These included the need for some degree of standardisation in accreditation of undergraduate and postgraduate medical education, incorporation of new curriculum assessment methods and the fostering of a common healthcare vision among ASEAN medical students.

The second day of the meeting was dedicated to medical research, a testament to its high importance to member countries. The delegates agreed to prioritise research projects and place emphasis on a few projects with the greatest probability of resulting in widespread collaborations among the majority of member countries. To this end, projects in TB, dengue, public health, and core competency and interprofessional education research were proposed and specific goals and actions outlined for prompt implementation.

An essential part of accomplishing these goals is to obtain funding for the accreditation and research initiatives. In the coming year, AMSN intends to finalise its name and logo and include additional ASEAN medical schools in the accreditation discussion. Such steps should not only increase its attractiveness to funding agencies, but will also help to ensure the future of the Network.

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