

IDCMR Research Collaboration Meeting Report  
Third IDCMR Congress  
October 17, 2006  
Kunming, China

**Members Present**

**PR China**

Associate Professor He Hongbing  
Professor Xu Biao  
Associate Professor Chen Xizhe

**Cambodia**

Dr. Vorn Vutha  
Dr. Hong Someth

**Lao PDR**

Dr. Hue Trang  
Dr. Nithideth Somsanith

**Thailand**

Associate Professor Surachai Dechkunakorn  
Professor La-Onghong Vajrabhaya  
Assistant Professor Sirima Sanguansin  
Assistant Professor Dr. Duangjai Lexomboon  
Mrs. Suwanna Korsuwannawong  
Associate Professor Siriruk Nakornchai

**Vietnam**

Dr. Le Van Son  
Dr. Nguyen Quoc Trung  
Dr. Vo Truong Nhu Ngoc  
Dr. Hoang Trong Hung  
Dr. Ngothi Quynh Nan

## **Background**

The International Dental Collaboration of the Mekong River Region, (IDCMR) was established on 7 June 2004 and subsequently opened the IDCMR Secretariat Office at the Faculty of Dentistry, Mahidol University. It has since held the Second International Annual Meeting, 4-5 April 2005, hosted by the Faculty of Odonto-Stomatology, University of Medical Sciences at Ho Chi Minh City. The Third IDCMR Congress was hosted by Kunming Medical College in Kunming, China from 17 to 19 October 2006.

At 4:30 pm, the IDCMR Collaborative Research Representatives opened the meeting with country specific presentations elaborating on the research capabilities and priority areas of research. Each country presented its progress report in the following order: Cambodia, PR China, Lao PDR, Vietnam and Thailand.

At 6 pm the delegation took a dinner break before returning at 8 pm to conduct small group discussions to finalize the research collaboration projects.

The main outcomes of the Collaborative research Meeting included:

## **Responsibilities**

The representatives agreed to the following three responsibilities

- To create Research Collaboration Projects
- To follow up the progress of research projects
- To evaluate and continuously improve Research Collaboration

## **Objectives**

The members further agreed to the following objectives:

- To develop the potential human resources in IDCMR research
- To publish outcomes of research collaboration
- To develop the research capabilities of member institutions
- To establish a database of IDCMR research

## **Funding Sources**

The representatives identified four main possible sources of funding:

The Ayeyawady-Chao Phraya-Mekong Economic Cooperation  
Strategy (ACMECS)

The Southeast Asia Ministers of Education Organization

The World Health Organization

The Thailand International Development Cooperation Agency

## **Subjects/Topics for IDCMR Research Collaboration**

A chart showing the Subjects/Topics for IDCMR Research Collaboration is attached.

## **Closing**

It was decided to hold the next IDCMR Collaborative Research Meeting in Bangkok, hosted by the Faculty of Dentistry, Mahidol University with a preceding executive meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 pm