The International Dental Collaboration of the Mekong River Region Seminar 2010

and

Sixth IDC M R
Executive Meeting

21 to 22 October 2010

The Faculty of Dentistry, Mahidol University
Phaya Thai Campus, Bangkok
Thailand

SUMMARY REPORT
IDCMR Seminar 2010 Report

This report details the events of the IDCMR Seminar 2010, 21 to 22 October 2010 in Bangkok, Thailand (for Seminar Program, see Annex One).

Introduction

IDCMR Background

In order to develop the oral health resource capacity among the Mekong River Region countries, the International Dental Collaboration of the Mekong River Region (IDCMR) was created. Dental education institutes in Cambodia, PR China, Laos PDR, Thailand and Vietnam formally joined as members by signing an IDCMR Memorandum of Understanding at the First Congress, 7 to 8 June 2004 in Bangkok under the theme “Practical Points in Dentistry: The Alternatives.” Subsequently, the IDCMR Secretariat Office at the Faculty of Dentistry, Mahidol University was founded by IDCMR Executive Members.

The second international congress was held 4 to 5 April in Ho Chi Minh City with the theme, “Partnership for Innovative Practice in Dentistry” in 2006. The third congress, “Everyone Will Enjoy Oral Health Care in Future” from 17 to 21 October took place in Kunming, China. The fourth congress, themed “Global Trends in Esthetics” from 18 to 21 November 2007, was organized in Bangkok, Thailand. The fifth congress was cohosted by the University of Odonto-Stomatology, Hanoi and Mahidol University Faculty of Dentistry in Hanoi, Vietnam from 14 to 16 October 2009. This congress was attended by 137 international participants and over 500 national guests.

IDCMR Executive Members

Due to the retirement of Professor Suon Phany of Cambodia and the replacement of Professor Hoang Tu Hung of Ho Chi Minh, the current IDCMR Executive Members comprise:

- Professor Ding Zhongjuan, Dean, School of Stomatology, Kunming University of Medical Sciences, People’s Republic of China
• Dr. Truong Manh Dung, Dean, School of Odonto-Stomatology, Hanoi Medical University, Hanoi, Vietnam
• Professor Le Duc Lanh, Dean, Faculty of Odonto Stomatology, University of Medicine and Pharmacy, Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam
• Dr. Le Thi Loi, Dean, Faculty of Dentistry, School of Medicine and Pharmacy, Can Tho University, Can Tho City, Vietnam
• Dr. Aloungnadeth Sitthiphanh, President, University of Health Sciences, Lao PDR
• Professor Im Thavy, Dean, Faculty of Odonto-Stomatolgy University of Health Sciences, Phnom Penh, Kingdom of Cambodia.
• Associate Professor Dr. Theeralaksna Suddhasthira, Dean, Faculty of Dentistry, Mahidol University, Bangkok, Thailand

Vision and Goals

The vision and goals of IDCNR were reinstated prior to the IDCNR Seminar 2010.

The vision embraces a network of dental health education institutions working cooperatively to improve the oral health status with private, government and non-government institutions.

The stated IDCNR goals remained as: 1) resource development, including human, material and financial, for short and long term cooperation, 2) data exchange and annual informational meetings, 3) under- and postgraduate curriculum development, 4) faculty, student and staff exchange and 5) collaborative research.

The Faculty of Odonto-stomatolgy, University of Health Science in Cambodia originally agreed to serve as host of the Sixth IDCNR Congress but informed the IDCNR Secretariat Office of their inability to do so. Consequently, the Faculty of Dentistry, Mahidol University announced that they would host IDCNR Seminar 2010 from 21 to 22 October 2010 in Thailand.
**IDCMR Seminar 2010**

**Day One**

The program commenced the afternoon of Thursday 21 October with a visit to the Office of the Mahidol University President, Clinical Professor Piyasakol Sakolsatayadorn.

After viewing two promotional multimedia presentations produced in-house with a musical score especially composed by the Mahidol University College of Music, the IDCMR delegates were presented with souvenirs by the president.

Then Associate Professor Passiri Nisalak, Vice President for Administration and Mahidol University Council Secretary briefly oriented the participants with an overview of the university.

The orientation was followed by a tour of the Mahidol University Library and Knowledge Center. The IDCMR delegation received a presentation on how to access over 300 dental journals through the website and a tour of the newly renovated Media Learning Center.

After, the IDCMR representatives toured the Mahidol University Salaya Campus and the College of Music. In the evening they attended the Welcome Reception with dinner at Music Square. The classical musical program was provided by international award winning students from the College of Music. The evening ended with the Welcome Address by Dean Theeralaksna Suddhasthira (for the Welcome Reception Speech, see Annex Two).

**Day Two**

**Opening Ceremony**

The final day of the international seminar witnessed the Opening Ceremony started with the Opening Address by the Dean of the Faculty of Dentistry, Mahidol University, Associate Professor Dr. Theeralaksna Suddhasthira (for the Opening Speech, see Annex Three).

**Keynote Plenary Presentations**

The morning sessions began at 9:15 am with the valuable and entertaining presentation by Associate Professor Chailerd Pitchitpornchai, Assistant to the
President for Policy, and Informatics, Mahidol University entitled, “IT for Dental Education”. Questions were taken from the audience regarding distance learning and use of CD-ROMs in dental education.

Program
After the break, participants listened to the provocative lecture, Current Aspects of Dental Schools in Korea” delivered by Professor Han-Sung Jung, Vice Dean for Research Affairs, College of Dentistry, Yonsei University, Korea. After the discussion of the situation regarding the implementation of the new curriculum, questions were answered concerning institutional and Korean Dental Association examinations.

After lunch, the last session, “Competency-based Education in Health Professions” presented by Dr. Cherdsak Iramaneerat, Faculty of Medicine, Siriraj Hospital, Mahidol University. The content covered competency and outcome based curriculum with a focus on methods to assess student performance and program effectiveness.

After the afternoon break, the IDCMR delegates were given a tour of the Mahidol University Faculty of Dentistry’s Phaya Thai Campus by Dr. Rochaya Chintavalakorn.

IDCMR Executive Meeting

Friday, 22 October 2010, from 4:15 to 515 pm the IDCMR Executive Meeting was held at the Faculty Committee Meeting Room in Building Four on the tenth floor following the agreed upon agenda (For the agenda and minutes, see Annex Four and Five, respectively).

The most important decisions included welcoming Dean Dr. Callum Durward as an IDCMR member, signing the renewed IDCMR Memorandum of Agreement and appointing hosts for IDCMR Congress 2011 and 2012, i.e., Can Tho University, Vietnam and University of Health Sciences, Lao PDR, respectively.

Closing Ceremony and Farewell Party

To bring closure to IDCMR Seminar 2010, the Closing Ceremony and Farewell Party was held from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. After an evening of traditional Thai and contemporary music, Associate Professor Dr. Theeralaksna Suddhasthira officially closed IDCMR Seminar 2010.
Annex

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