



International organising committee meeting in Singapore on 5 March 2018

3rd Asia Dengue Summit in KL

5-6 July 2018, Kuala Lumpur
ASEAN Dengue Day 7 July 2018

It was decided last year that the 3rd Asia Dengue Summit (ADS) will be held in **Berjaya Times Square Kuala Lumpur**, after the successful earlier ones in Bangkok (January 2016) and Manila (March 2017). The success of the ADS had been attributed to the combined presentations, deliberations and interaction involving clinicians (made up of paediatricians and adult physicians), epidemiologists, public health workers, entomologists, health economists, immunologists, vaccinologists and infectious disease specialists working on dengue disease from all over the world. It has become a melting pot of discussion with the current interest and rapid development of the dengue vaccine.

The 3rd ADS is organised by the Asian Dengue Vaccination Advocacy (ADVA)* Group in collaboration with the Malaysian Ministry of Health, Malaysian Paediatric Association (MPA), Malaysian Society of Infectious Disease & Chemotherapy (MSIDC), Global Dengue + Aedes-transmitted Disease Consortium (GDAC)**, South East Asian Ministers of Education Organisation (SEAMEO)***, Fondation Mérieux****. The complex and multi-stakeholder nature of dengue disease and infection make ADS 3 interesting, and yet complex to organise with so many stakeholders to please and liaise with!

A few leading experts on dengue epidemiology, management and

prevention like Professors **Duane Gubler, Donald Shepard** both from the US, **Anavaj Sakuntabhai** from France, **In-Kyu Yoon** (South Korea), **Olaf Horstlick** (Germany), **Usa Thisyakorn** (Thailand), **Benjamin Rolfe** (Singapore) including Malaysia's **Lucy Lum, Lee Han Lim** (entomologist with the Institute for Medical Research), award-winning **Nazni bt Wasi Ahmad** and many more faculty have agreed to participate in this event. The combined collaboration of these diverse interests in dengue infection and disease should make the discussion interesting, if not lively.

Other than sharing experiences on severe dengue management and innovative breakthroughs in vector control in different Asian countries, there will also be an update on dengue vaccines in the pipeline by different manufacturing companies. An update on the issues involved in the only currently available dengue vaccine in the Philippines should attract some interest from policymakers.

Pre- and Post-Summit activities

The ADS is preceded by two Pre-Summit Workshops on Immunology and Economic Evaluation of the Vaccine that should also interest policymakers and researchers. The two-day summit will culminate in the launch of **ASEAN Dengue Day (ADD)** on 7 July by the new Minister of Health to be held at a school in

Bukit Kayu Ara in Damansara. This will be the first time that Malaysia is hosting and organising the ADD. ADS delegates are naturally invited to attend the ADD launch.

Come and attend the 3rd ADS to update yourselves on the latest on dengue and listen to efforts to control the infection. ☞

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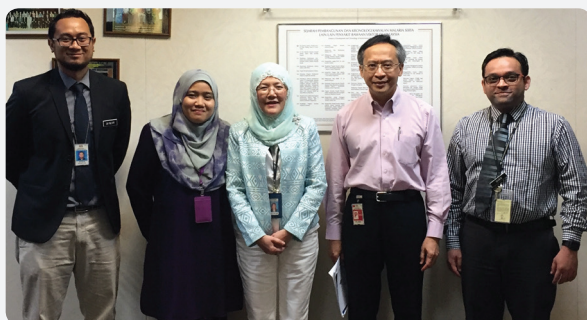
P.S: Participants will be allocated 20 CPD points for summit and pre-summit workshop.

***The Asian Dengue Vaccination Advocacy (ADVA)** Group consists of a group of paediatricians and other healthcare workers who are passionate about vaccination. They advocate and educate about the dengue vaccine regardless of manufacturer.

****The Global Dengue & Aedes-Transmitted Diseases Consortium (GDAC)** is a consortium composed of the Partnership for Dengue Control (PDC), the International Vaccine Institute (IVI), the International Vaccine Access Center (IVAC) at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and the Sabin Vaccine Institute. The World Health Organization advises and collaborates with GDAC.

*****The Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization (SEAMEO)** is a regional intergovernmental organization established in 1965 among governments of Southeast Asian countries to promote regional cooperation in education, science and culture in the region.

******Fondation Mérieux's** mission is to fight the infectious diseases that affect vulnerable populations in developing countries, especially mothers and children, by building local capacities. They work in over 20 countries worldwide, in regions prone to infectious outbreaks, and mount their own projects, working closely with local and international partners.



Meeting at MOH with Dr Rose Nani (third from left) and her team on 4 April 2018



Part of local organising committee after meeting on 10 June 2018