

In conjunction with

The 61st Annual Scientific Conference of the Malaysian Society of Parasitology & Tropical Medicine

CONFRONTING RICKETTSIAL AND TROPICAL DISEASES: INTEGRATED STRATEGIES FOR GLOBAL HEALTH



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**29TH SEP - 1ST OCT 2025** 

PARKROYAL Penang, Malaysia

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# Welcome Message from the President of Malaysian Society of Parasitology & Tropical Medicine and the Organising Chair of APRC4

On behalf of the Malaysian Society of Parasitology and Tropical Medicine (MSPTM) and the organising committee, it is with great pleasure that we welcome you to the 4th Asia Pacific Rickettsial Conference (APRC4), held in conjunction with the 61st Annual Scientific Conference of MSPTM. This landmark event will take place in 2025 at the stunning PARKROYAL Penang Resort, nestled along the picturesque shores of Batu Ferringhi Beach in Penang, Malaysia.

Under the theme, "Confronting Rickettsial and Tropical Diseases: Integrated Strategies for Global Health," this conference brings together leading experts, researchers, and practitioners from around the world.

It serves as a vital platform for sharing groundbreaking scientific advancements, discussing challenges, and forging new collaborations to combat rickettsial and tropical diseases.

Together, we will explore innovative approaches to surveillance, prevention, and treatment, with an emphasis on integrated strategies that address the complexities of these diseases in both public and veterinary health contexts.

This year, we are especially thrilled to host APRC4 alongside MSPTM's annual scientific meeting, continuing our long-standing tradition of fostering interdisciplinary dialogue and promoting impactful research in parasitology and tropical medicine. As Penang provides the perfect tropical escape, we invite you to immerse yourself not only in the scientific merits of this event but also in the rich cultural heritage, mouthwatering cuisine, and breathtaking landscapes this island has to offer.

The conference venue, PARKROYAL Penang, is a gem on Batu Ferringhi Beach, offering a serene atmosphere and world-class facilities. Whether you are networking with fellow delegates or enjoying a peaceful moment by the beach, this location promises a memorable experience.

We look forward to welcoming you to Penang, a city renowned for its vibrant blend of tradition and modernity, as we unite in the shared mission to confront rickettsial and tropical diseases for a healthier, more equitable world.

Warm regards,

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Lucas Low Van Lun
President, Malaysian Society of Parasitology
and Tropical Medicine (MSPTM) and Organising Chair, APRC4

# **CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS**





















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# **REGISTRATION FEES**

#### Local Delegates (Malaysian)

CATEGORY	<b>EARLY BIRD</b> 13 Jan - 31 May 2025	REGULAR/ONSITE 1 Jun - 1 Oct 2025
Local Delegate	MYR 1,150	MYR 1,400
MSPTM/Asian Alliance of Societies /IMR/TIDREC	MYR 950	MYR 1,150
Student	MYR 650	MYR 700
Senior Researcher (Age 65 & above, & non-presenter)	MYR 1,000	MYR 1,200

#### **Overseas Delegates**

CATEGORY	<b>EARLY BIRD</b> 13 Jan - 31 May 2025	REGULAR/ONSITE 1 Jun - 1 Oct 2025
Delegate - Developed Countries	MYR 1,700	MYR 1,900
Delegate - Developing Countries	MYR 1,250	MYR 1,500
Student	MYR 650	MYR 700



# **CALL FOR SYMPOSIUM**

Inviting organisations from academia, government, non-profit organisations, and the commercial sector!





Call for Symposium **13 January 2025** 

Symposium Submission Deadline 31 May 2025

Symposium Result Notification 15 July 2025



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# **CALL FOR ABSTRACT**

Call for Abstract **13 January 2025** 

Abstract Submission Deadline 31 May 2025

Abstract **Result Notification** 31 July 2025

#### Mode of Presentation:

- 1. Oral Presentation
- 2. Poster Presentation
- 3. Rapid Oral Presentation (MSPTM Student Competition)



## ABSTRACT CATEGORY

#### Asia Pacific Rickettsial Conference (APRC4)

- · Acarology
- · Rickettsial Diseases
- · Tick-Borne Diseases
- · Flea-Borne Diseases
- · Scrub Typhus
- · Zoonoses
- Epidemiology
- · Vector Biology and Control
- · Rickettsial Pathogenesis
- · Diagnostics in Rickettsial Diseases
- · Rickettsial Surveillance and Outbreak Response
- · Geospatial Analysis in Rickettsial Disease Mapping
- · Novel Rickettsial Infections
- · Emerging and Re-emerging Rickettsial Diseases
- · Treatment and Vaccines for Rickettsial Infections

#### **MSPTM Annual Scientific Conference** (Concurrent Sessions)

- · Malaria
- · One Health
- · Rabies

- Dengue
- Parasitology
- Surveillance

- Microbiology
- Entomology
- · A.I. Modelling

- Tropical Medicine
- Virology
- Diagnostics
- · Emerging Infectious Diseases
- · Drugs and Drug Resistance
- · Veterinary Health
- · Neglected Tropical Diseases
- · Helminths Biology and Control
- · Forensic Entomology
- · Telemedicine and Remote Medicine
- · Vaccine & Vaccine Development
- · Food and Water Borne Diseases
- · Protozoa Diseases
- · Disease Risk Management and Biodiversity
- · Mapping/Geospatial Surveillance
- · New Technologies in Tropical Disease Studies



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#### WELCOME TO PENANG

This vibrant island state in Malaysia is renowned for its rich culture, stunning beaches, and delicious food. Whether you're seeking a relaxing getaway, an adventurous escape, or a cultural immersion, Penang has something to offer everyone!

In addition to our accessible facilities and transportation, Penang also offers a wide range of accessible attractions and activities for delegates to enjoy. You can explore the island's rich history and culture at its many accessible museums and temples, or simply relax and unwind on one of our many beautiful beaches.

And of course, no trip to Penang would be complete without sampling the local cuisine! Penang is a melting pot of cultures, and its food reflects this. From Penang asam laksa to char kway teow, there's a dish to please every palate.

We look forward to welcoming you to our island paradise!



## **CONFERENCE SECRETARIAT**

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