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Dear Members,

Firstly, I would like express my gratitude and privilege to be given the opportunity to serve as President of Dermatological Society of Malaysia (PDM). The last two years has been an enriching experience.

The year 2020 has been full of challenges and uncertainties due to COVID-19 pandemic that had hit our country and the rest of the world. It had changed our way of life, affecting how we live, communicate and practice. We had to make a difficult but necessary decision to replace our 45th Annual Dermatology Conference (ADC) which was planned to be held in Johor Bahru with series of virtual meetings. Virtual meetings or webinars may well be the new and future trend for communication, learning and networking. The theme for the PDM Virtual Meeting 2020 is Advance and Challenges in Dermatology Therapy. We had a total of 5 sessions of 2-hour meeting which covered Cosmetic & Aesthetic Dermatology, Atopic Dermatitis, Cutaneous Infection, Autoimmune Blistering Diseases, Cutaneous Adverse Drug Reactions and SCARS, Innovative Insight and Management of Itch, Virtual Meets with Professor Jean Bolognia, Predatory Journals, Diagnostic Challenges in Generalized Pruritus. The meetings were interactive and valuable knowledge and information were shared by eminent international and local speakers. Through virtual meetings we managed to uphold our commitment toward advancement of knowledge and practice of dermatology for both dermatologists, dermatology trainees, specialists and primary care doctors despite the travel and social restriction caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Other CME activities that were carried out include the excellent academic meetings of the 1st and 2nd Annual Scientific Meeting, Dermatology Chapter held in Kuala Lumpur on 2019 and 2020 respectively. The Atopic Dermatitis Workshop and CO2 Laser Demonstration and Hands-on workshop organized in Johor early this year. And the Northern Dermatology Summit 2020 held in August this year in Penang. We also collaborated with pharmaceutical companies to provide dermatology related educational events and webinars.

PDM applauds and is grateful to all the frontliners who have worked hard to treat and help all those who were affected by Covid-19 infection. During the peak of COVID-19 pandemic in our country, which saw the number of cases rising rapidly between March to May 2020, many treatment centers were running short of personal protective equipment (PPE) among other things. These centers had sent out appeals for contribution and donation of PPE. The executive committee of PDM deliberated and we made a decision to do our part in the effort to fight against COVID-19 pandemic in our country.

Centers with high burden of Covid-19 cases were identified, namely Sabah, Johor, Negeri Sembilan and Perak and PPE sets were donated through the respective state dermatology departments. Our simple gesture was received with gratitude and appreciation.

As part of community social responsibility (CSR), we held the National and World Skin Health Day 2019 on 30th November 2019 with the objectives to raise the awareness of skin health and skin disease and role of PDM among the public. The event went well with the participation of public from all walks of life. This event was featured in the World Skin Health Day (WSHD) website ([wshd@ILDS.org](mailto:wshd@ILDS.org)) as a support for WSHD, a joint project of International League of Dermatological Societies (ILDS) and International Society of Dermatology (ISD).

With support of our members, we continue our strive to create awareness and to educate our patients and public on skin conditions by contributing dermatology-related articles in the mainstream newspapers and support the production of disease information leaflet and websites.

PDM supports and encourage research activities. Over the last two years we had given research grants to 9 trainees to support their thesis projects and also 2 stipends to members who are travelling abroad to present their researches or studies.

On the ASEAN and international front, we had successfully organized the 15th Asia-Pacific Environmental Occupational Dermatology Symposium (APEODS) in conjunction with our 44th ADC & AGM in 2019. Next year, if condition permits, we will be hosting the 10th Regional Scientific Meeting of Paediatric Dermatology (RSMPPD) 2021 in conjunction with the 46th Annual Dermatology Conference of Dermatological Society of Malaysia from 29th July to 1st August 2021 at Shangri-La Hotel, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. We have work closely with our counterparts in the League of Asian Dermatological Societies (LADS) and Asian Academy of Dermatology and Venereology (AADV). We offered mutual representation and cooperation to attend our annual national meetings.

As my term as President comes to an end, I would like to thank all my dedicated executive committee members, members of various sub-committees (Research, Cosmetic Dermatology and Laser Medicine Board (CDLM), Malaysian Contact Dermatitis Affiliation (MACDA)), Editorial Board of Malaysia Journal of Dermatology (MJD), the organizing chairperson of RSMPPD, APEODS, Midterm Meeting (2019), and the secretariat for your continuous efforts and commitment. Not forgetting the Council of the Past Presidents for their encouragement and advice. I cherish the time we had spent and worked together as a team for the betterment of our society, our patients and our community.

Finally, I hope COVID-19 infection can be contained soon and our lives would return to some sort of normalcy soon. Please stay safe and stay healthy.

Sincerely,  
**Dr Chan Lee Chin**  
President

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*Organizing Chairperson*



## From the Editor's desk.....

*Dato Dr Noor Zalmy Azizan*

My dear friends,

It gives me great pleasure in bringing you the 2020 Newsletter of Persatuan Dermatologi Malaysia. The year 2020 has been a challenging one for all of us! Malaysia and the rest of the world were hit by a pandemic; the SARS-2-CoV causing mayhem to the whole world. Nevertheless, we are still able to get together for our AGM albeit on a small scale.

Last year we had a successful 44th AGM conference in conjunction with the 15th APEODS meeting in September 2019. On 30th November 2019 we celebrated our National Skin Health Day at Taman Tasik Perdana, Kuala Lumpur. Dr Henry Foong and team conducted the 2nd Dermatology Chapter Scientific meeting at the new Women Children Hospital also known as Hospital Tunku Azizah (HTA), Kuala Lumpur in February 2020. A few of our members also attended the Regional Conference in Dermatology (RCD) which was held in Bangkok late February 2020. The Covid-19 pandemic has caused a brief hiatus for a few months but inspite of this, we still managed to have a series of webinars conducted by pharma companies together with PDM.

During this unprecedented time, a lot of us find ourselves adapting to the new norms that have significantly altered our daily activities and also our professional lives. Movement Control Order (MCO) was implemented in Malaysia on the 18th March 2020 to contain the spread of COVID-19. Nevertheless despite the MCO, the exco members still managed to conduct our meetings virtually. As the saying goes, "the show must go on!" This year instead of our usual physical AGM conference, PDM will be having a series of virtual lectures in order for us to be continuously updated for the betterment of our patients. The highlight of this year event is a series of virtual live lectures by Prof Jean Bolognia.

I would like to thank all our contributors for sharing their news and achievements with all of our members. I am happy and proud to see how much PDM has evolved from when I first joined as an associate member in 2001 to what it is today. We have even managed to keep afloat even during this challenging Covid-19 pandemic pandemonium!

Lastly, I hope you will enjoy the virtual lectures we have put together and I hope we will have a better year in 2021.

Stay safe!

**Dato Dr Noor Zalmy Azizan**  
Vice-president

## Introducing Our New Members

Persatuan Dermatologi Malaysia would like to welcome the following new members to our fraternity:



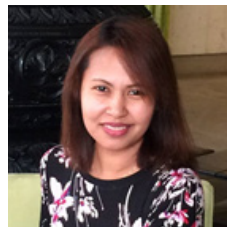
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Hospital Melaka, Melaka



**Dr. Low Dy- Win**  
Dermatologist  
Hospital Sultanah Bahiyah, Alor Setar



**Dr. Low Dyo- E**  
Dermatologist  
Hospital Serdang, Selangor



**Dr. Nirmala Ponnuthurai**  
Paediatric Dermatologist  
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# APEODS 2019

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AP Dr. Tarita Taib

(organizing committee of 15th  
APEODS)

The 15th APEODS symposium in conjunction with PDM Annual Conference was held from 12-13 Sept 2019 at Royale Chulan Hotel, Kuala Lumpur. This conference was attended by at least 420 delegates from 13 countries with 27 international speakers who are renowned experts in the field of Contact Dermatitis. The conference kicked off with a welcome speech by conference chairman Dr. Rohna Ridzwan and PDM president; Dr. Chan Lee Chin followed by a series of master classes given by seven international speakers (members of ICDRG International Contact dermatitis research Group and APEODS). The 15th APEODS symposium was officiated by Datuk Dr. Rohaizat, deputy director general of Ministry of Health Malaysia. We also launched the E-book entitled 30 years of Asia Pacific Research in Contact Dermatitis. The E-book was the brainchild of Dr. Rohna Ridzwan (chairperson of 15th APEODS). The evening activities ended with a welcome dinner for the faculty members including the speakers, and committee members at the Songket Restaurant. Traditional dance performances added colour to the opening ceremony and the welcome dinner. Day 2 of symposia started with 'breakfast with expert' sessions and followed with T Ganesapillai Memorial Lecture given by the ICDRG president himself, Dr. Magnus Bruze. Lectures were given by 10 international experts in contact dermatitis through out the morning until evening. We also had special focus session for the nurses and allied health personnels. As the APEODS symposia officially ended the next day (14th September), the speakers were taken to a full day city tour of our beautiful capital which included visits to Batu Caves, KLCC bridge, among others. It was good to see them relaxed after a full 2 day programme, and the merriments continued to the annual gala dinner in the same evening. APEODS organizers 2019 which consist of Dr. Rohna and teams (UiTM Dermatology team, Hospital Selayang, Hospital Sg. Buloh, HKL) and PDM had received many appreciations, praises and positive remarks from the international delegates signifying that the 15th APEODS symposium was indeed a successful event. Thank you to all who had participated in this event and let us create a 'Safer environment to work and live!



## Advanced Master of Dermatology Programme

Associate Prof Dr. Norazirah Md Nor  
Programme Coordinator, Department of Medicine,  
National University of Malaysia.

### New intake:

It is very unfortunate for the new students of the 20th batch of the Advanced Master of Dermatology (AdvMDerm) that their enrollment is postponed by 6 months to December 2020 due to the covid-19 pandemic.

The good news is we are going to enroll a bigger batch in the upcoming intake in December with a batch of 24 students. It will be the biggest batch we ever in history of this programme. The successful candidates are; Dr. Waheeda Diana, Dr. Chia Jin Qin, Dr. Heh Ding Yeng, Dr. Khoo Voon ling, Dr. Ling Hui Fen, Dr. Ling Mong Wayne, Dr. Lim Ai wei, Dr. Loo Yin Pin, Dr. Teo Hock Gin, Dr. Teoh Xin Yun, Dr. Lim Ai Y'ng, Dr. tan See Ling, Dr. E Chia Qi, Dr. Ishvant Kaur Sidhu, Dr. Priya Subramaniam, Dr. Wong Lok Chin, Dr. Tay Mei Ee, Dr. Kew Chen Hui, Dr. Mohd. Firdaus Zakaria, Dr. Norfadhilah Yusof, Dr. Ling Wee Yun, Dr. Ng Lim Chui, Dr. Subashini Govindarajoo and Dr. Ting Yen Loo.

### Examinations:

The last examination was conducted in May 2019 in which we had



three successful candidates. The invited examiner for the exam were Datin Dr. Asmah Johar and Dr. Mazlin Mohd. Baseri.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the examination which should have taken place in May had been postponed to the 3rd of November 2020. We will have a total of 8 candidates sitting for this exam which are Dr. Wong Kit Wan, Dr. Goh Siew Wen, Dr. Kiing Jiu Wen, Dr. Teeba Raja, Dr. How Kang Nien, Dr. Mazliha, Dr. Rasimah and Dr. Yong Shin Shen.

### Graduates:

Three new dermatologists had graduated at the University Kebangsaan Malaysia 47th Convocation Ceremony in October 2019. They were Dr. Low Dy-Win, Dr. Low Dyo-E and Dr. Lee Choon Sian.



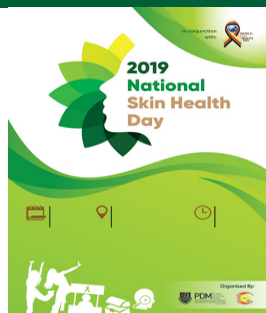
# National Skin Health Day

Dr. Nirmala Ponnuthurai

On 30th November 2019, the Adult and Pediatric Dermatology Team from HKL organized our National Skin Health Day. This is an awareness day programme for the public at Lake Gardens Kuala Lumpur. The aim of the event was to create awareness amongst the general population on basic skin care, common chronic skin condition such as eczema, psoriasis, acne and also on mole screening. The day started with the staffs gathering at Lake Gardens early Saturday morning and organizing their respective booths for public viewing. This was followed by Zumba exercise as warm up conducted by a professional Zumba trainer. Upon seeing our medical staff's enthusiasm there was good response by the public who joined in the exercise session. The event was officiated by Kuala Lumpur Hospital director Datuk Dr Heric Corray with the release of 2 dove birds as a symbol of freedom from skin diseases and stigmatisation of these diseases. To kick start the programme we had an educational 'treasure hunt' on the flora and fauna of the Lake Gardens. The participants comprised of the general public and staff members. This was a huge success as many participated and finally 3 teams took home prizes in the form of hampers.

Simultaneously while the treasure hunt was going on the general public was visiting the booths and free skin consultation was carried out by our doctors and allied medical staffs. The turn out was encouraging with lots of people visiting the booths and receiving information in the form of advice and patient information leaflets. The Psoriasis Association of Malaysia also took up a booth and their representatives interacted positively with the public to create awareness regarding psoriasis and to dispel any myths so as to stop stigmatizing psoriasis patients.

In summary The National Skin Health Day awareness programme was a huge success with good response from the public. There were many encouraging comments to organize more such events in the future. We would like to thank all involved for making an effort to make this event a successful and a memorable one.



## 24th Regional Conference of Dermatology 2020, Bangkok

Dr. Sharifah Rosniza Bt Syed Nong Chek



The Regional Conference of Dermatology 2020 was held in Centara Grand at Central World, Bangkok, Thailand from 25 to 28 February 2020. Although the fear of COVID-19 had led to some participants and speakers withdrawing their attendance from this event, the host did very well at ensuring the well-being of the delegates were taken care of in this time of pandemic by conducting regular monitoring of body temperature and providing ample hand sanitizers at the conference venue. Taking everything into account, the conference was a great success and achieved its objective of delivering world-class learning opportunities. The lectures covered updates on a wide range of dermatological conditions and the workshops were engaging and provided hands-on experience on injectables, photobiology,

dermatopathology, trichoscopy, laser, mycology dermoscopy and cutaneous allergy. Speakers from Malaysia were also invited to share their knowledge and experience and these include Dr. Leong Kin Fon, Dr. Steven Chow and Dr. Rajalingam Ramalingam. Two of our aspiring dermatologists, namely Dr. Mazliha Mashor and Dr. Goh Siew Wen were also awarded a travel grant from the League of Asian Dermatological Societies for their studies.

Additionally, the gala dinner was also a thoroughly enjoyable experience and it showcased interesting cultural performances, including some by the Thai dermatologists! All in all, the conference was an educational and a memorable one and we will be looking forward to the next regional conference in Philippines.



# 2nd Annual Scientific Meeting

Dermatology Chapter, College of Physicians, Academy of Medicine of Malaysia in collaboration with the Paediatric Dermatology Unit, Hospital Tunku Azizah, Kuala Lumpur

New Advances in Pediatric and Humanitarian Dermatology incorporating "1st NATIONAL PEDIATRIC DERMATOLOGY CONGRESS"



The participants

*Dr Lalitha Pillay  
Paediatrician and Paediatric Dermatology Trainee  
Paediatric Dermatology Unit,  
Hospital Tunku Azizah, Kuala Lumpur*

This premier academic meeting in paediatric and humanitarian dermatology was held on 22nd and 23rd February 2020 at the "Auditorium Perdana" of the newly opened Hospital Tunku Azizah (Women and Children Hospital Kuala Lumpur). It was jointly organized by the Dermatology chapter of the Academy of Medicine Malaysia, headed by Dr Henry Foong, and the Paediatric Dermatology Unit of Hospital Tunku Azizah, lead by Dr Sabeera Begum and Dr Leong Kin Fon, and mainly targeted an audience of paediatric dermatologists, dermatologists, paediatricians, specialists, trainees, medical officers and general practitioners with updates on the latest advances in paediatric and humanitarian dermatology. There was a total of 290 participants with 263 delegates and 27 speakers, with delegates from East and West Malaysia, Indonesia and Australia. We were honoured and privileged to have several esteemed international and local speakers including Dr Jennifer Huang and Dr Jennifer Tan (from Harvard Medical School, Boston, USA), who delivered virtual lectures, Assoc Prof Tay Yong Kwong (Singapore) and Prof Pablo Fernandez Penas from Sydney. The local speakers were from

government, university and private centres.

This 2-day meeting was off to a roaring start with a hands-on laser workshop and symposium on Laser in Childhood Dermatoses by Prof Tay together with Dr Leong and Dr Henry, in the morning. The subsequent symposiums highlighted recent updates in inpatient and office paediatric dermatology, including common dermatoses like atopic eczema and urticaria, infections and dermatological emergencies. There was also a Clinical Radiological Correlation segment, integrating case discussions and lectures on Haemangiomas and Vascular Anomalies in Dermatology by Dr Leong, Dr Sabeera and Dr Noryati Mohamad (Consultant Radiologist). 28 e-posters were presented during the meeting and 20 pharmaceutical companies had booths set up over the 2 days, with Menarini being the Diamond sponsor.

All in all, it was a truly successful meeting and auspicious beginning for further national and international paediatric dermatology congresses in the future.



Prof Pablo Fernandez Penas  
(Australia)



Laser workshop



From left: Dr Lalitha Pillay, Dr Wee Ai Leen, Dr Latha Selvarajah, Dr Evelyn Yap, Dr Leong Kin Fon, Dr Henry Foong, Dr Sabeera Begum, Dr. Nirmala Ponnuthurai, Dr Ng Su Yuen, Dr Oh Huey Huey, Dr Kwan Zhenli, Dr Heah Sheah-Szu, Dr Jenny Tan, Dr Siti Nuraihan Nordin



# COVID- 19 Donation;

## Persatuan Dermatologi Malaysia donates Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to hospitals across Peninsular and East Malaysia

*Dr Tang Jyh Jong*

The dramatic spread of COVID-19 has caused significant health, economic and social implication when it first hit Malaysian shores in January 2020. This pandemic has been challenging and it has put tremendous pressure on our healthcare system. Medical professionals especially the frontliners have made immense sacrifices in their commitment to fight against Covid-19.

During the initial phase of outbreak in our country, our medical frontliners faced critical shortages of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) nationwide. The greatly increased need for PPE caused by the COVID-19 pandemic has caused PPE shortages, posing a significant risk to our medical frontliners who are working tirelessly to safeguard our communities.

As PDM is always committed to support our medical frontliners, there was a growing impetus within the society to provide assistance to these heroes. PDM decided to donate PPE to hospitals which were facing shortage of PPE across Peninsular and East Malaysia. PDM kicked-off with a donation of 70 sets of PPE ( comprising N95 mask, nitrile gloves, hood cover, boot cover, isolation gown, face shield) and 15 sets of stethoscopes to Hospital Raja Permaisuri Bainun Ipoh on 7th April 2020 and quickly expanded to cover other hospitals in tandem with the increasing demand for PPE. These included Hospital Sultanah Aminah in Johor Bahru and Jabatan Kesihatan Negeri Sembilan which received 100 sets of PPE each and Hospital Tawau in Sabah which received 200 sets of PPE.

PDM wish to thank our healthcare workers and other frontline workers for their noble contributions and sacrifices in fighting against this pandemic. They have devoted their time and energy to contain this pandemic. "Thank you for your immense sacrifices, invaluable dedication, commitment and unwavering efforts in managing COVID-19, often times risking your own lives, for the betterment of our nation."



Dr. Preamala G Singam handed over the PPE sets to the Negeri Sembilan state health director, Datin Dr Harlina.



Datuk Christina Runding, Sabah State Director of Health, Dr. Joanne Lee, Infectious Disease Specialist and State Supplies Officer, Mr Nicholson receiving the PPE sets



Dr. Tang Jyh Jong handed over the PPE sets to the representative from COVID team at Hospital Raja Permaisuri Bainun, Ipoh



Dr. Tey Kwee Eng handed over the PPE sets to the representative from COVID team at Hospital Sultanah Aminah JB

# Hospital Kuala Lumpur ECHO Training for Atopic Eczema Clinical Practice Guidelines (CPG)

CPG on Atopic Eczema (AE) was successfully launched by YBhg. Dato' Dr. Hj. Azman Hj. Abu Bakar, Deputy Director General (DG) at Hospital Kuala Lumpur on 19 March 2019. We then had Training of Trainers (ToT) session in April last year. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, we are only able to conduct an Echo training session on 29th July 2020 at the Auditorium Utama HKL. The objective of conducting the echo training is to create awareness for the junior doctors and other health personnel on the existence of this CPG and to implement the CPG in their management of patients with AE. It was a successful Echo Training session with 80 participants attended while adhering to the SOP's of social distancing. We would like to thank the QA Unit, HKL for assisting us to organize this Echo Training session.



## News from the South

In view of the recent Covid-19 pandemic, there were unfortunately very limited activities that were conducted by The Dermatology Departments of Hospital Sultanah Aminah Johor Bahru, Hospital Sultan Ismail Johor Bahru and Hospital Pakar Sultanah Fatimah Muar. We also had to cancel our annual Johor Dermatology Update in view of the rising cases of Covid 19 in our country, especially in Johor.

Below are the activities organized so far in 2020:

### Atopic Dermatitis Workshop

This event was jointly organized with Dermatology Chapter, Academy of Medicine of Malaysia on 14th March 2020 at Renaissance Hotel Johor Bahru. We had over 50 participants comprising General Practitioners, pharmacists and even pediatricians from Johor. Among the speakers were Dr Henry Foong, Dr Leong Kin Fon, Dr Wee Ai Leen and Dr Latha Selvarajah

### CO2 laser demonstration and hands-on workshop

This workshop was organized in Hospital Pakar Sultanah Fatimah Muar on 16th June 2020 and was attended by many medical officers and specialists. The participants had a chance to have hands-on in procedures such as laser-assisted steroid delivery for keloids, treating acne scars and periorbital rejuvenation.





# 8th Northern Dermatology Summit 2020

## in a Nutshell 15th – 16th Aug 2020

Associate Prof Dr Tan Wooi Chiang  
Organizing Chairperson



This is the 8th consecutive year we organized the Northern Dermatology Summit (NDS), a collaboration between **Department of Dermatology, Hospital Pulau Pinang, Hospital Sultanah Bahiyah, Hospital Raja Permaisuri Bainun, Malaysian Medical Association (MMA), Persatuan Dermatologi Malaysia and Dermatology Chapter, Academy of Medicine of Malaysia**. Following the enforcement of the Recovery Movement Control (RMCO), the Malaysian National Security Council (MKN) has set out a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for organizing physical conference. This conference adhered strictly the SOP. New norms are being practiced – wear mask all the time, maintain social distancing and frequent hand washing / use of sanitizer throughout the 2 days meeting. Amid the threat of Covid-19 pandemic, this event was a huge success and has attracted a total of 248 participants and 31 pharma exhibitors. For those who can not attend the meeting physically, video conference was arranged for them.

The objective of this course is to introduce a regular continuous medical education program for both government doctors and private practitioners, with the hope of improving standard of care in Dermatology. The topics chosen are the common dermatologic conditions we encounter in our daily practice and some update on various aspect of Cosmetic and Medical dermatology. We have a line-up of distinguished local speakers to share their experience with us this year.

My fellow comrades – 17 of them: Dr Henry Foong Boon Bee (Ipoh), Dr Chan Lee Chin (Penang), Dr Leong Kin Fon (KL), Dr Tang Jyh Jong (Ipoh), Dr Chong Yew Thong (Penang), Dr Peter Ch'ng Wee Beng (KL), Dr Khor Yek Huan (Penang), Dr Ch'ng Chin Chwen (KL), Dr Lee Hock Leng (Taiping), Dr Oh Hoey Hoey (Penang), Dr Yeoh Chin Aun (Penang), Dr Madiha Bt Muhd Sarkan (Ipoh), Dr Loh Ken Chen (Kedah), Dr Loo Chai Har (Penang), Dr Norazlima Mohd Ali (Penang) and Dr Low Dy-Win (Kedah). I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to all the speakers who are willing to sacrifice their precious time to travel all the way to Penang to share their knowledge with us.

The program was very intense with lectures given by experts in their respective areas of interests. The scientific sessions were highly informative and well attended. The participants found it very useful and practical.

