

Minute of the 6th Asian Consortium for the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Microbial Resources (ACM) Meeting

Participants:

1. China (1 person),
2. Japan (6 persons: 5 participants and one as invited key note speaker),
3. Korea (2 persons)
Malaysia(2 persons), Thailand (4 persons)
The Philippines (2 persons),
Vietnam (70 persons)
4. Belgium (1 person : Prof. Thonart as invited key note speaker)
5. Cambodia,Indonesia, Lao, Mongolia and Myanmar were absent

Day 1. Friday, 27 November, 2009

Venue: Moevenpick Hotel, 83 A Ly Thuong Kiet Street, Hanoi, Vietnam

Program:

1. Welcome and opening remarks of ACM-6 Meeting by the Vice-president of Vietnam National Assembly
Country Report 1st part (Chair: Dr. Duong Van Hop and Dr. Jung Sook LEE)
 - a. China by Dr. Yuguang ZHOU
 - b. Japan by Dr. Ken-ichiro SUZUKI
 - c. Korea by Dr. Jung Sook LEE
2. Country Report 2nd part (Chair: Dr. Sukor Nordin & Dr. Yuguang ZHOU)
 - a. Malaysia by Dr. Tan Geok HUN
 - b. The Philippines by Dr. Rosario G. MONSALUD
 - c. Thailand by Mrs. Wanchern POTACHAROEN
 - d. Vietnam by Dr. Duong Van Hop
3. Special Topic: Microbial speciation
 - a. Prof. Dr. Nobuyuki Fujita ,NITE, Japan : “ Genomics approach to seasonal and pandemic influenza viruses”
 - b. Prof. Dr. Takuya Nihira , ICBiotech, Osaka Univ. Japan: “ Deciphering On-Off signaling network of Streptomyces secondary metabolism”
 - c. Prof. Dr. Philip Thonart, Liege Univ. Belgium: “ From cell to the end product. The case of lactic starter production”
 - d. Ass.Prof. Dr. Vu Nguyen Thanh, FIRI. Vietnam: “ Yeast biodiversity and application in biotechnology-Research at FIRI, Vietnam.

Day 2. Saturday, 28 November 2009

Venue:

Yen Tu conference Hall, Novotel hotel. Halong Bay. Quang Ninh Province.

Program:

1. Adoption of Minute of Meeting ACM-4 in Korea by Dr. Jung Sook LEE
2. Report on ACM Task Forces

a. ACM future

- (i) Dr. Ken-ichiro SUZUKI
 - Introduction of homepage and contents to be appearing on the homepage for ABRCN (<http://www.abrcn.net/>);
 - Domestic BRC/CC Networks in East/South-East Asia and invitation other Culture Collection to join the Network;
 - Relationship to other international initiatives such as WFCC, GBRCN;
 - Communication to other BRC network, domestic BRC network, scientific society for microbiology, funding body;
 - Transfer System of Microbes isolated in Country A to other Countries;
 - Establishment of ACM standard model for biological material transfer and benefit-sharing;
 - Discussion on membership of ACM: Open to the community of microbiology, country representative, condition for members, relationship to other activities.

b. Task Force on Human Resource Development (HRD)

- (i) Dr. Ken-ichiro SUZUKI
 - Presenting Prof. INDRAWATI GANDJAR' message; (*Prof. Emeritus University of Indonesia*) on her no longer in responsibility to HRD report;
 - All members expressed thankful to her for the excellence contribution to ACM successes;
 - Introducing training course in Biotechnology, Bio industry and BRC management at NITE, JICA-JBA. Japan;
 - Introducing OECD Best Practice Guidelines for Biological Resource Centre;
 - All members agree to select Dr. Rosario G. Monsalud (Philippines) to hand ACM HRD report;
 - Promotion in ACM meeting: member meeting, scientific meeting, workshop, training course.

c. Task Force on Management of Material Transfer (MMT)

- (i) Dr. Tanit CHANGTHAVORN
 - Report the development of MMT Taskforce: member, activities, MMT guide, etc;
 - Improvement (7 comments) for MMT guide;
 - Introduction to new management system for MMT guide;
 - Implementing MMT guide;
 - **Experiences of Thailand's BIOTEC in implementation of MMT Guide.**

3. Conferment of a Certificate for attendance of ACM-6
4. Passing of the Stone Seal to Japan
5. Announcement of ACM-7 and ACM-8
 - a. ACM-7 will be held in Japan
 - b. ACM-8 will be held in Malaysia