

## ACM12

Dr. Katsuhiko Ando, the chairman of MMT-TF reported the annual activities of this year: Paper on the “Network of International Exchange of Microbes in Asia under ACM (NIEMA)” had been published in the journal “Japan Society of Microbial Resources and Systematics” in December, 2014. In addition, he gave a presentation regarding NIEMA at the occasion of MIRRI WP9 (Legal operational framework for access) in Amsterdam in September, 2015.

## ACM11

- The paper on the “Network of International Exchange of Microbes in Asia under ACM (NIEMA)” published in the journal *Microbiology and Culture Collections*.
- The side-event on NIEMA held at COP12/MOP1 in Pyeongchang, Korea.
- Two changes: 1) Network of International Exchange of Microbes in ASIA was changed to Network of International Exchange of Microbes under the ACM, 2) Scope of the NIEMA strains was changed from type strains to microbial strains including bacteria, archaea, fungi, algae, etc.

## ACM10

### Presentation on the “Network of International Exchange of Microbes in Asia under ACM”(NIEMA)

- Dr. Katsuhiko Ando described the NIEMA system which aims to facilitate the transferring process of taxonomic type strains of microbes and presented a draft report of the NIEMA Code of Conduct.
- The NIEMA system would enable the smooth and efficient exchange of type strains of microbes for non-commercial purposes and research activities wouldn't be hampered by the Nagoya Protocol. Furthermore, the NIEMA Clearing-House would manage data of transfer information of microbes among NIEMA member MRCs under this system.
- In the near term, the draft of the NIEMA Code of Conduct will be sent to ACM members to ask for opinions, and the gathered opinions would be discussed in the MMT Task Force Meeting in February 2014. The result will then be reported at the side event of the 12<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP12).

## ACM9

### ◆ Reflection on MMT Task Force activities and achievements

MMT Task Force activities were conducted under the leadership of Dr. Tanit Changtavorn, the former MMT Task Force chairman who resigned from this position as he moved to Biodiversity-Based Economy Development Office (BEDO), Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment.

### ◆ Announcement of new chairman

- Dr. Katsuhiko Ando (NBRC)
- Miss Bubpha Techapattaraporn (Thailand)
- Dr. Jin Tae Eun (KRIBB, also announced as a new member of MMT Task Force)

- ◆ The MMT Task Force proposed a system titled the “Network of International Exchange of Microbes in Asia under ACM” (NIEMA) to assist BRC to comply with the Nagoya Protocol and to facilitate the exchange of microorganisms between culture collections. The details and draft guidelines of the system is under development.

#### ACM8

◆ Presentation by Dr. Tanit Changtavorn

•The Task Force was established to develop a practical guide (MMT guide) for the management of material transfer. The MMT guide was completed when the Nagoya Protocol was concluded.

◆ Presentation on the Nagoya Protocol

Dr. Katsuhiko Ando gave an introduction on the “Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization to the Convention on Biological Diversity”. He noted the importance for a new exchange system under the framework of the Nagoya Protocol, which allows the traceable distribution of type strains to the third parties.

#### ACM7

◆ Publication of “Management of MMT structure”

Dr. Tanit Changtavorn introduced the first publication by the MMT-TF, “Management of MMT structure”, which is a practical guide for the effective management of material transfer. It is designed to be an open-ended guide, containing the minimum management tools.

#### ACM6

◆ Report on the MMT guide

The members discussed the improvements that should be made to the guide and also its' implementation, while referring to the experiences of BIOTEC, Thailand in implementation of the MMT guide.

#### ACM5

◆ Report on Task Force activities

◆ Discussion on future activities

- Publishing of the first edition of the MMT Guide (English), supported by BIOTEC, Thailand
- Promotion of the guide via ACM and BIOTEC websites

#### ACM4

◆ Proposal of the future plan of the Task Force

- Establish working group, information exchange, and construction of MMT guideline