We held the 3rd Sysmex Scientific Seminar in Bangkok, Thailand, on September 13. In Thailand, it is rainy season in September so therefore it was raining on that day. Fortunately, however, a large audience took part in our seminar, which was much more than expected.

One of lecturers, Prof. Navapun Charuruks from Chulalongkorn University that has obtained the first accreditation according to ISO 15189 in Asia gave a lecture about their experience of ISO acquirement and usefulness of these activities.

The 7th Sysmex Scientific Seminar in Wuhan, China, was held on October 22. The scientific seminar in China was held for the first time in 1998, and it was already the 7th time this year as we have continued to hold it annually. This seminar has been gaining much popularity from the customers every year, and the participants attended the lectures all day. In addition to prominent Chinese lecturers, overseas speakers also gave lectures. The lecture themes covered contents which were rich in variety on the whole, such as ISO 15189, reticulated platelets, coagulation parameters, laboratory information systems, and biochemistry.

The 2nd Sysmex Scientific Seminar in Indonesia was held in two cities, Jakarta and Surabaya. This time, in Surabaya it took place in collaboration with the Surabaya Clinical Pathology Association. The co-sponsorship of the seminar was performed very successfully. All of the participants were quite enthusiastic about the seminar, and lots of questions were actively asked during the panel discussion.
The 4th Sysmex Transasia International Scientific Seminar was held on December 19 at Bangalore, India which is called the “Indian Silicon Valley”. It was the first time that the seminar was held in southern India.

The theme of this seminar was “Technology Update in Laboratory Haematology” and the participants were listening attentively to lectures focussing on new areas in laboratory haematology. It was a good opportunity to understand the sophisticated technology of Sysmex. Additionally, the panel discussion sparked off a lively debate and exceeded the allotted time.

We are going to continuously work for world-wide support through our scientific support activities, such as the scientific seminar.

The 3rd Sysmex Scientific Seminar in Bangkok, Thailand

Date & place: Bangkok, Thailand / 13 September, 2004

Program:
1. The Current Topics on HIV Infection
   Dr. Namiko Yoshihara
   - National Institute of Infectious Diseases, Japan

2. Stem Cell for Medical Application
   Prof. Dr. Ahnond Bunyaratvej
   - Ramathibodi Hospital, Thailand

3. Recent Trends in Modern Haematology: Haematology Networks, Graphical and Image Databases and Telehaematology with new Sysmex Instrumentation
   Prof. Pranav Sinha
   - University Klagenfurt, Austria

4. Key of Success in Implementing of ISO15189: 2003
   Prof. Dr. Navapun Charuruks
   - Chulalongkorn University, Thailand

5. Emerging Virus Infections and Practical Procedures for the Barrier Nursing Technique
   Prof. Takashi Okamoto
   - Nagoya University Medical School, Japan

6. Laboratory Monitoring of Heparin Therapy
   Asst. Prof. Nisarat Opartkiatkul
   - Siriraj Hospital, Thailand
The 7th Sysmex Scientific Seminar in Wuhan, China

Date & place: Wuhan, China / 22 October, 2004

Program:

1. Introduction on Medical Laboratory Accreditation Activity and ISO 15189 Standard
   
   Mr. Zhai Peijun
   - Department of Lab Capability Identification of Lab Certification Committee, China

2. How to Set up a QC System based on ISO 15189
   
   Director Shen Ziyu
   - National Clinical Center of Laboratory, China

3. Manage a Laboratory by Using the MBA Theory
   
   Prof. Jiang Tang
   - The First Affiliated Hospital of Zhong Shan Medical University, China

4. Progress of Reticulated Platelet Investigation
   
   Dr. Fusheng Wang
   - Sysmex America, Inc, United States of America

5. New Parameters in Coagulation Testing
   
   Prof. Wang Hongli
   - Shanghai Research Institute of Hematology, China

6. Laboratory Digitization in USA and Europe
   
   Mr. Frank Buescher
   - Sysmex Europe GmbH, Germany

7. Clinical Evaluation of Enzymes appeared in Blood Stream
   
   Dr. Takashi Kanno
   - Emeritus Prof. of Hamamatsu University School of Medicine, Japan
The 2nd Sysmex Scientific Seminar in Indonesia

Date & place: Jakarta, Indonesia / 11 October, 2004

Program:

1. New Direction in Diagnosis of Anemia
   Prof. Dr. Riadi Wirawan, Sp.PK(K)
   - Department of Clinical Pathology, University of Indonesia, Indonesia

2. Sysmex X-series in Differential Diagnosis of Anemia
   Dr. Vijay Parekh, Ph.D
   - Sysmex Singapore Pte. Ltd., Singapore

3. Risk Factor for Thrombosis
   Dr. Rahajuningsih D. Setiabudy, Sp.PK.DSc
   - Department of Clinical Pathology, Faculty of Medicine, University of Indonesia, Indonesia

4. Clinical Approach to Thrombophilia
   Dr. Ng Soo Chin
   - Subang Jaya Medical Centre, Malaysia

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Date & place: Surabaya, Indonesia / 13 October, 2004

Program:

1. New Direction in Diagnosis of Anemia
   DR. Dr. Harsono Notopuro, Sp.PK(K)
   - Vincentius A Paulo Hospital, Indonesia

2. Sysmex X-series in Differential Diagnosis of Anemia
   Dr. Vijay Parekh, Ph.D
   - Sysmex Singapore Pte., Ltd., Singapore

3. The Role of Laboratory Testing in Risk Factors on CVA
   Dr. Margono, Sp.S
   - Medicine Faculty Airlangga University, Indonesia

4. Clinical Approach to Thrombophilia
   Dr. Ng Soo Chin
   - Subang Jaya Medical Centre, Malaysia
The 4th Sysmex Transasia International Scientific Seminar in India

Date & place: Bangalore, India / 19 December, 2004

Program:

1. Epidemiology of Blood Disorders in India-the Requirements from Laboratories
   Prof. Dr. Mammen Chandy
   - Christian Medical College Hospital, India

2. The Thalassemia Syndrome’s, Screening & Monitoring of Treatment
   Dr. Paolo Danise
   - Umberto I Hospital in Nocera Inferiore, Italy

3. Panel Discussion: Laboratory Support in Diagnosis and Management of Haematological Disorders in India - Expectation v/s Supply
   Dr. Amar Das Gupta
   - SRL Ranbaxy Ltd., India
   Prof. Mammen Chandy
   - CMC Vellore, India
   Dr. Purvish Parikh
   - Tata Memorial Hospital, India
   Dr. Anamma Kurien
   - Kasturba Medical College & Hospital, India
   Mr. Torsten Reinecke
   - Sysmex Europe GmbH, Germany
   Dr. Vijay Parekh
   - Sysmex Singapore Pvt. Ltd., Singapore
   Dr. V.P. Antia
   - Jaslok Hospital & Med. Research Centre, India
   - Tata Memorial Cancer Hospital, India

4. Advantages of Automated Image Analysis Systems in the Clinical Routine
   Dr. Gernot Beutel
   - Hannover Medical School, Germany