

The Third International Summer School on Immunogenetics 2006

ASHI, EFI and ASEATTA, the international societies devoted to histocompatibility and immunogenetics, would like to invite applicants to join the 2006 International Summer School on Immunogenetics in Bangkok, Thailand.

The summer school will be held November 17-20, 2006 at the Suan Dusit Place, Bangkok (www.dusitplace.com), which is conveniently located within the city-center near various attractions. The participants are also invited to join the 30th ASEATTA Annual Scientific Meeting from November 22-24, 2006 in ChiangMai, located in the northern part of Thailand (<http://www.aseatta.org.au>).

The faculty for summer school include:

Peter Nickerson (ASHI), Carolyn K. Hurley (ASHI), Frans Claas (EFI), Erik Thorsby (EFI), Jim McCluskey (ASEATTA), Frank Christiansen (ASEATTA), Chanvit Leelayuwat (ASEATTA), and Nattiya Hirankarn (ASEATTA).

The format will be the same as the Second International Summer School including the introductory lectures covering a broad range of related topics in immunology and genetics. Discussion sections and student presentations of their own research are highly encouraged to increase the interaction between participants and faculty.

As part of the proceedings, 25-30 graduate students and postdoctoral fellows, who have received their graduate degrees within the past 5 years, will be accepted.

Applications must include a CV, statement of motivation for attending, a letter of recommendation and a summary of current research projects. A committee consisting of ASHI, EFI and ASEATTA delegates will review the applications and select the candidates.

The registration fee of \$100 USD includes lodging and meals (welcome and concluding receptions, breakfast & lunch everyday and one dinner on a boat trip).

Bursaries: Participants are to pay their own travel expenses

A complete application package must be received by August 1, 2006. All questions and applications should be addressed to:

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November 17-20, 2006

Preliminary Program

Venue

The Suan Dusit Place, 295 Ratchasima Road, Dusit, Bangkok 10300 Tel (662) 241-7571-80, Fax (662) 243-6898-9, www.dusitplace.com

Thursday, November 16

The participants check in at Dusit Place, *6.00 pm Welcome reception*

Friday, November 17

Morning

Topic: Overview of the HLA system

Tutors: Carolyn K. Hurley and Nattiya Hirankarn

Presentations by the participants

Afternoon

Topic: Antigen presentation

Tutor: James McCluskey

Presentations by participants

Saturday, November 18

Morning

Topic: T cell receptor recognition on MHC-peptide complexes

Tutor: James McCluskey

Presentations by participants

Afternoon

Topic: NK and KIR

Tutors: Frank Christiansen and Chanvit Leelayuwat

Presentations by participants

Evening

6.00-9.00 pm dinner cruise along the Chao Phraya River

Sunday, November 19

Morning

Topic: Disease predisposing genes in the HLA complex. Genes involved and their possible mechanisms.

Tutor: Erik Thorsby

Presentations by participants

Afternoon

Topic: Hematopoietic stem cell transplantation

Tutors: Frans Claas and Carolyn K. Hurley

Presentations by participants

Monday, November 20

Morning

Topic: Solid organ transplantation

Tutors: Peter Nickerson and Frans Claas

Presentations by participants and end-discussion

Afternoon

1.00 pm Guided visit to Vimanmek Palace, with traditional Thai dancing show





Evening

6.00 pm Concluding Reception

Tuesday, November 21

9.00 am Departure for the 30th ASEATTA Annual Scientific Meeting from November 22-24, 2006 in ChiangMai (The registration form and brochure can be downloaded from <http://www.aseatta.org.au>; details of the scientific program will be posted later).

Young scientists are encouraged to join and send an abstract for oral presentation during the ASEATTA meeting to win the \$500 AUD awards sponsored by BC Serologicals, Australia.