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.