

7th COSTAM/SFRR (Asia/Malaysia) International Workshop

Date: 9-12th July 2009

Venue: Meritus Pelangi Beach Resort & Spa, Langkawi, Malaysia

Status Report

The 7th COSTAM/SFRR (Asia/Malaysia) International Workshop was successfully carried out from the 9th – 12th July 2009 in Langkawi. The meeting was jointly organised by COSTAM, SFRR Malaysia and MPOB.

The Opening Ceremony was held at 4.30pm on Thursday, 9th July 2009 and was officiated by His Royal Highness, DYMM Raja Muda Perak Darul Ridzuan, Raja Dr. Nazrin Shah ibni Sultan Azlan Muhibbuddin Shah in the presence of Y.Bhg. Dato' Sabri Ahmad, Chairman of MPOB; Y. Bhg. Datuk Dr. Mohd Basri Wahid, Director General of MPOB, Y.Bhg Dato' Choo Yuen May, DDG I and Dr. Salmiah Ahmad, DDG II. Also present were Dr. Kalanithi Nesaretanam, Director of Product Development & Advisory Services as Organising Chairman and President Elect of SFRR Asia; and Academician Emeritus Professor Tan Sri Datuk Dr. Augustine Ong as Advisor to the Organising Committee. The ceremony was followed by a cultural performance by Langkawi Development Board (LADA) and a keynote lecture by Professor Sten Orrenius from Karolinska Institute, Sweden.

The meeting was attended by a total of 221 participants from 15 countries. The technical sessions on various topics i.e. Tocotrienols & Tocopherols, Polyphenols, Oxidant Signalling, Clinical Research and a General Session were continued for 2½ days. A total of 64 invited speakers and 124 poster presenters presented their findings at this meeting. The number of poster presenters mainly represented by students from local and international universities was extremely encouraging.

Eight nominees were selected from the poster presenters to compete for the SFRR Asia Young Investigator Award. The nominees gave a 10-minute presentation of their findings to a panel of judges from various regions. A total of six nominees were presented the SFRR Asia Young Investigator Award, the Free Radical Research Journal Award and SFRR Japan Award. In addition, five poster presenters were also selected for the Best Poster Presentation Award.

SFRR Asia Young Investigator Award 2009:

Jeremy Wong Weng-Yew

Mika Jikumaru

Inas Almazari

Free Radical Research Journal Award

Ahmad Nazrun Shuid

Ling Lai Teng

SFRR Japan award 2009
Kunishige Onuma

Detailed programme is attached as Appendix.