ACP Lectureship Tours by Dr. Prasat Kittakoop, Chulabhorn Research Institute, Thailand

Lectureship Awards from the 2nd International Conference on Cutting-Edge Organic Chemistry in Asia, Busan, Korea (2-6 September, 2007)

Dr. Prasat Kittakoop received two Lectureship Awards from the 2nd International Conference on Cutting-Edge Organic Chemistry in Asia, held in Busan, Korea during 2-6 September, 2007. The conference was hosted by the Center for Molecular Design and Synthesis (CMDS) and the Center for Bioactive Molecular Hybrids (CBMH). Dr. Kittakoop's Lectureship Awards were given by two countries, Korea and China.

Lectureship Award to Korea

Dr. Prasat Kittakoop traveled to Korea for his Lectureship Award during 20-25 April 2008, and he gave lectures on the topic of "Bioactive Compounds from Thai Plants and Microorganisms". Dr. Kittakoop arrived in Seoul, Korea, in the morning of 21 April 2008, and was kindly picked up at the airport by Professor Bongjin Moon. Dr. Kittakoop went to Yonsei University and met with Professor Kwan Soo Kim, Professor Chul-Ho Jun, Professor Munkil Jung, Professor Kyu-Sung Jeong, and Professor Woo-Dong Jang. After discussion and exchanging research experience with Professors of Yonsei University, Dr. Kittakoop gave a lecture around 4.00 P.M., and then had dinner with Professors of Yonsei University.

In the morning of 22 April 2008, Dr. Kittakoop took a bus to Pohang University of Science and Technology (POSTECH) and arrived at the destination at noon. Professor Byeang Hyean Kim kindly picked him up at the bus station and took him for lunch. Dr. Kittakoop discussed on research and shared experience with Professor Byeang Hyean Kim's group, then gave a lecture at 4.00 P.M., and finally had dinner with Professor Byeang Hyean Kim's group.

On Wednesday morning, 23 April 2008, Dr. Kittakoop went, by train, to Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST), where he was hosted by Professor Sunggak Kim and Professor Sukbok Chang. Dr. Kittakoop discussed on research and exchanged research experience with Professor Sukbok Chang's research group, gave a lecture at 4.00 P.M., and had dinner with Professor Sunggak Kim and Professor Sukbok Chang.

On Thursday morning, 24 April 2008, Dr. Kittakoop took a train back to Seoul and met with Professor Bongjin Moon from Sogang University. After discussion with Professors of Sogang University, Dr. Kittakoop gave a lecture at 4.00 P.M., and had dinner with Professor Bongjin Moon and other professors of Sogang University.

On Friday, 25 April 2008, Dr. Kittakoop flew from Seoul to Thailand, and arrived at Bangkok in the afternoon.

Lectureship Award to China

Dr. Prasat Kittakoop went to China for another Lectureship tour during 9-15 November 2008. He arrived in Shanghai on Sunday, 9 November 2008, and had a rest for one day on 10 November 2008. He gave lectures in China on the topic of "Searching for Bioactive Compounds from Thai Bioresources". On Tuesday morning, 11 November 2008, Dr. Kittakoop visited Shanghai Institute of Organic Chemistry (SIOC), Chinese Academy of Science (CAS), and gave a lecture at 10 A.M. In the afternoon, he had a discussion on research with Professors Hongbin Zhai, Zhao Gang, and Biao Yu. In the evening, Professors Zhu-Jun Yao and Hongbin Zhai hosted him a dinner.

On Wednesday morning, 12 November 2008, Dr. Kittakoop went to Shanghai Institute of Materia Medica, CAS, with Professor Ming-Hua Xu. At 10.00 A.M., he met with Professor Li-Jiang Xuan, Shanghai Institute of Materia Medica, Center of Traditional Chinese Medicine, CAS, and discussed and shared research experience. Dr. Kittakoop gave a lecture at 2.00 P.M., then discussed on research with Professors Ming-Hua Xu and Yuewei Guo. In the evening, he also had dinner with Professors Ming-Hua Xu and Yuewei Guo.

On Thursday morning, 13 November 2008, Dr. Kittakoop traveled along with Professor Zhu-Jun Yao to Nanjing University, and arrived at the destination at noon. Assistance professors from Professor Ren Xiang Tan's laboratory hosted him for lunch, sight-seeing around Nanjing area, and dinner.

On Friday morning, 14 November 2008, Dr. Kittakoop visited Institute of Functional Biomolecules, State Key Laboratory of Pharmaceutical Biotechnology, Nanjing University, and discussed on research with Professor Ren Xiang Tan. Dr. Kittakoop gave a lecture at 3.00 P.M., and took a train back to Shanghai at 7.00 P.M.

Dr. Kittakoop flew back to Thailand on Saturday, 15 November 2008, and arrived at Bangkok at 9.00 P.M.

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