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The International Conferences on Applied Science and Health (ICASH): Efforts and Commitments in Translating Research Results into Policy and Practices, for a Better Society

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Yayasan Aliansi Cendekiawan Indonesia Thailand, or internationally known as Indonesian Scholars' Alliance (INSCHOOL), has organized the International Conferences on Applied Science and Health (ICASH) at Mahidol University, Bangkok since 2017, and the fourth event in this series has just been completed. The conferences are hosted and co-hosted by several academic institutions in Indonesia and Thailand. ICASH offers important opportunities for young trainees in the health care professions to come together to share their work and interests and hear from experienced faculty on topics of interest and policies of importance.

This photo essay captures the moments during the 4th International Conference on Applied Science and Health (ICASH 2019), held at Faculty of Graduate Studies, Mahidol University, Thailand, on 23-24 July 2019. The two-day event involves 6 universities from Indonesia. Four of these universities have signed a Memorandum of Understanding Letter (MoU) with INSCHOOL to support ICASH. These are: Universitas Swadaya Gunung Jati, Poltekkes Kemenkes Semarang, Poltekkes Kemenkes Yogyakarta, and Poltekkes Palangka Raya. For your information, "Poltekkes Kemenkes" means "Health Polytechnic under Ministry of Health of Indonesia". And the other two university Partners: Poltekkes Kemenkes Sorong and Poltekkes Kemenkes Ternate have signed a Letter of Intent with a commitment to participate next year at ICASH5 as Co-hosts.

ICASH is organized by a team of volunteers who advertise the event, solicit abstracts, provide



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Figure 1. (a) Participants receive a warm welcome at ICASH conferences; **(b)** Registration at the Faculty of Graduate Studies at Mahidol University, Bangkok.



(a)

(b)

Figure 2. (a) The conference chair welcomes the co-hosts, University representatives and participants; **(b)** The delegation from Universitas Indonesia to ICASH 4.

peer review of submissions and produce the event program of keynote speeches, and oral and poster presentations by participants.

Addressing issues in the philosophy of "Science for the mankind", ICASH 2019 raises the efforts of the scholars in translating research results into policy and practices, for a better society. Scientific sessions are divided into 6 main groups: (1) Health service and management from the perspectives of the providers and users; (2) Health education and promotion; (3) Nutrition and health behavioral intervention; (4) Health education, service and management; (5) Maternal and child health; and (6) Applied science in health. At these sessions presentations are made by participants based on abstract submissions reviewed by the ICASH scientific committee. Each session is chaired by an experienced investigator who leads discussion on each participants' presentation to provide learning points to aid future research, or expand the description of the method, data presented and conclusions formed to make it suitable for publication. All submitted papers presented at oral session have been published online on *Proceedings of the International Conference on Applied Science and Health* (ISSN 2579-4434). Participants may also submit their work for presentation in poster format. The poster sessions generate valuable discussion between participants and presenters.

The closing ceremonies offer the opportunity for cultural exchange with participants and the organizers contributing music and dance. At this time awards are given for many categories to encourage and recognize excellence. These include best oral presentation and best poster in each health discipline



Figure 3. (a) Keynote speakers introduce participants to a number of topics on the ICASH conference theme; (b) Questions from participants are welcome as part of the learning opportunities offered at ICASH.



Figure 4. (a) The participants scientific sessions attract enthusiastic audiences; (b) Presenters in the Health Promotion scientific session receive their certificates.

category, and a range of special awards including promotion of ICASH topics using social media, and best researcher and best young scientist awards.

At each conference a group photo is taken for of the participants and the conference faculty. [Conference proceedings published on line](#) include details of the work of all participants who present in the scientific and poster sessions. Participants sharing outstanding science at ICASH are encouraged to submit manuscripts for review by the editorial board of the [Global Health Management Journal \(GHMJ\)](#). GHMJ is another INSCHOOL project and this on-line journal is indexed by several reputable organizations including Directory of Open Access Journal, Google Scholar, OCLC WorldCat, and Crossref. After receiving 207 outstanding submissions for this year International Conference on Applied Science and Health, the Conference Editorial Board has selected 8 Best Papers from the conference to be published as 2019's Special Edition of [Global Health Management Journal \(GHMJ\)](#).

All ICASH conferences celebrate the culture and traditions of Indonesia and Thailand, and aim to identify health priorities relevant to both countries, and explore related science and creative solutions. First and foremost, the ICASH model is intended to attract young people entering the health sciences and related fields, and give them new insights, knowledge and enthusiasm to pursue their chosen path of applying science to health. Information about past and future ICASH conferences can be found [on line](#).



Figure 5. The Poster Session attracts participants to discuss the research and findings of the presenters



Figure 6. (a) At the closing ceremony participants share their culture and traditions; **(b)** The closing ceremony is also the time for the presentation of awards, including a Young Scientist Award at ICASH 4.

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Figure 7. All participants and faculty are invited for the ICASH conference group photo



(a)



(b)

Figure 8. (a) The culture traditions and health priorities of Indonesia and Thailand are central to ICASH conferences; (b) ICASH participants leave with new knowledge, new friends and souvenirs.