

Post Conference Report: Indonesia International (bio)Medical Students'
Congress (INAMSC) 2013
Held in Jakarta-Depok, Indonesia

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Abstract

The 1st Indonesia International (bio)Medical Students' Congress, a part of Faculty of Medicine Universitas Indonesia's "LigaMedika", was held in Jakarta and Depok from May 1st-4th 2013. A total of 183 students from 5 different countries participated in the event. The theme for this year was "Cancer: Pursuing the Cure of the Century".

Introduction

INAMSC (Indonesia International biomedical Students' Congress) was conducted in the 1st-4th of May 2013. This event is the first international biomedical students' congress held in Indonesia and it is a part of the annual "LigaMedika" of the Faculty of Medicine Universitas Indonesia. Participants of INAMSC 2013 were not only from Indonesia, but also other countries including the Philippines, Bulgaria, Brazil, and Bangladesh. The main theme this year is Cancer, which is also used as the subject for abstracts that are submitted. In this first year of INAMSC, we invited 60 teams for the semifinals of literature review and 44 teams for the semifinals of research paper and poster that have been selected by reviewers who are medical doctors from a variety of departments; Community Medicine, Anatomy Pathology, Histology, Biology, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Pharmacology, and Hematology-Oncology Division of Internal Medicine Department.

Day 1 – City Tour and Gala Dinner

INAMSC 2013 was held in 4 days that in general consisted of 1 day of city tour and gala dinner, 2 days of conference, and 1 day of international symposium. On the first day, we provided several pools of transport in the airport to pick up the participants that came by plane. At 8am, participants gathered in the Faculty of Medicine Universitas Indonesia, which was then followed by the campus tour to introduce Universitas Indonesia to the participants. Afterwards, the bus arrived and participants were immediately mobilized to enter the bus and leave to the location of city tour, the "Kota Tua" (Old Town). Participants visited the museum of Bank of Indonesia and sightsee around Kota Tua until 12:30pm, which was then continued with lunch. At 1.30 pm, participants were then mobilized to the bus in order to depart to the BumiWiyata Hotel in Depok.

When they arrived in the hotel, the committees for registration was ready to receive the participants, attend to the presentation slide and poster submission, and arrange

the room assignments. Registration lasted for approximately 2 hours, and then participants were given time to prepare to attend the gala dinner and welcoming party wearing formal clothes. Gala dinner began at 8pm and was opened with a speech from the chairperson of INAMSC 2013, chief coordinator of LigaMedika 2013, Dean of FMUI, representative of Indonesian Cancer Foundation, and representative of WHO, along with performances from the FMUI Student Choir, FMUI Dance Company, and FMUI Strings Ensemble. At the end of the event, INAMSC was officially opened with a sounding of the gong by the dean of FMUI.

Day 2 – Semifinal Round and Pool Party

The second day participants woke up at 6am and prepared to depart to the Central Library UI, Depok at 730am. In the library, literature review participants were divided into 3 rooms with 20 teams each. Semifinals of research paper and poster were all held in the “Aula Apung” (Floating Auditorium), which was the poster presentation session. Lunch was held at 12 pm, and then the semifinals continued until 4 pm. In total there were 9 literature review judges and 6 research paper and poster judges.

After the semifinals, participants were rendezvoused at the BumiWiyata Hotel and were given free time for 2 hours before attending the pool party. The retro-themed pool party was accompanied by bossa nova music. Participants wore retro clothes and had barbeque party as well as mini games that were prepared by the committee. At around 9:30pm, participants returned to their rooms to rest.

Day 3 – Final Round and Cultural Night

The third day was the final round and was held in the auditorium of the Central Library. From all semifinalists, 6 participants from both literature review and research paper and poster were chosen to present their works once again in the finals. The finals went on until lunchtime, and afterwards participants were mobilized to the bus to depart to “Taman Mini Indonesia Indah” (Indonesian Miniature Park).

When they arrived in Taman Mini Indonesia Indah, participants were divided into groups with their respective Liaison Officers. They were given free time to explore the park until 5:30pm under the supervision of the LOs. Then the participants and committee prepared their performance for the cultural night held later that evening. The participants performed unique dances and brought food from their respective hometown. At the end of the event, the committee performed the Batavian Dance while also inviting all participants to dance along on the stage.

Day 4 – International Symposium and Closing

The Final day was the international symposium that commenced at 9:30am in the same location where the finals. This symposium included an international speaker; Prof. Hisaji Maki from Nara Institute of Science and Technology, Japan, as well as speakers from FMUI; Dr. Endang SR. Hardjolukito, MS, SpPA(K) from Anatomy Pathology Department, Dr. Bambang Karsono, SpPD-KHOM and Dr. Djumhana Atmakusuma, Sp. PD, KHOM from Hematology-Oncology division of Internal Medicine Department. Participants then had lunch and 100 participants were chosen

to attend the workshop of Fine Needle Aspiration Biopsy. At 5:15pm all participants returned to the auditorium for the closing and winners announcement.

For the category of research paper and poster, the first winner was John Jefferson from the University of Philippines, Manila. For the literature review category the first winner was Khrisna Rangga Permana from Brawijaya University, Indonesia. A flashback video was shown, and then the chairperson introduced the core team of INAMSC 2013 and thanked everyone involved in INAMSC. After the photo session, Indonesia International (bio)Medical Students' Congress 2013 was officially closed.

Conclusion

Despite being the first international conference held by the students of Faculty of Medicine Universitas Indonesia, the result was satisfactory. Students from a total of 5 different countries participated innovative cancer-related research papers, as well as the unforgettable social events are surely the proof of the committee's success. Much hope is given for the following years.

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