

## WELCOME MESSAGE FROM CONGRESS PRESIDENT



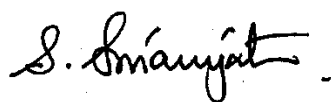
**Welcome all participants, speakers, IUTOX Executive members and guests,**

It is my pleasure to greet all of you to the 8<sup>th</sup> Congress of Toxicology in Developing Countries (8CTDC) in Bangkok held at Centara Grand Hotel at Central Plaza Ladprao. This congress is hosted by Thai Society of Toxicology under the auspices of International Union of Toxicology (IUTOX) headed by Professor Dr. Daniel Acosta, Jr., the President

The congress is on 10-13 September 2012 and consists of one keynote lecture, 3 plenary lectures, 11 symposia. One workshop as continuing education is also held one day before the main started, entitle “**WHO Human Health Risk Assessment Toolkit for Chemical Hazards**”. The congress invites more than 40 speakers internationally to present their update on the subjects. The honorable keynote lecture is presented by Professor Dr. HRH Princess Chulabhorn on the title of “**Environmental Carcinogens: Exposure and Impact on Children's Health**”. This is the very important area that contributes to the progress in Toxicology. The three plenary lectures will add to the update on the fields of genetic polymorphism and toxicology, nuclear toxicology, natural animal toxin and its applications. The symposia are ranging from molecular, clinical, environmental, natural products, herbal medicinal, occupational, food, regulatory, and testing, to assessment toxicology. Additionally, there are 28 oral and more than 120 poster presentations on new finding of research are also presented.

I am sure that this congress will add more knowledge and information to your present one. The update information and research outcome presented in lectures, symposia, and oral and paper presentations will benefit to you and your work. It is also a good opportunity for you all to exchange of information, idea and work among participants around the world. It is also a good chance to meet old friends and make new ones for future collaboration.

During your stay in Bangkok, please find sometimes to look around the area which is rich in culture and places of interest. I wish all participants a good stay and enjoy both the science of toxicology in the congress and the sightseeing in Thailand, the land of smile.



Associate Professor Dr. Songsak Srianujata  
President, Thai Society of Toxicology  
Chairman of the Organizing Committee for 8CTDC  
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## WELCOME MESSAGE FROM IUTOX



On behalf of IUTOX and our 61 Member Societies that span the globe, welcome to the 8<sup>th</sup> Congress of Toxicology in Developing Countries (CTDC8). Under the strong leadership of Dr. Songsak Srianujata, the Thai Society of Toxicology has planned a superb scientific program around the timely theme, “Sharing Toxicological Knowledge for a Healthy Life and Environment.” The Congress has attracted prominent scientists from around the world to lecture on diverse topics covering many aspects of toxicology.

IUTOX is very grateful to Professor Dr. HRH Princess Chulabhorn Mahidol, a renowned scientist and founder of the Chulabhorn Research Institute, for her commitment and leadership in the field of toxicology. We are especially grateful for her participation in the Opening Ceremony and for serving as the keynote lecturer.

We also extend a hearty welcome and thank you to the World Health Organization for providing the Congress with excellent programming including the Continuing Education Program on risk assessment tools for chemical hazards, and a second session, which addresses the environmental burden of disease in developing countries. WHO consistently supports IUTOX and the thousands of scientists we represent with training and programs in developing countries, which are critically important to helping us meet our mission.

When the IUTOX Member Societies selected Bangkok as the host city of the CTDC8 meeting, they may have imagined a venue marked by beauty, grace and elegance. Surely, those who are lucky enough to join us this week will not be disappointed. Bangkok dazzles visitors with ancient treasures nestled alongside a modern transportation system and towering skyscrapers. This *City of Angels* and the gracious people of Bangkok have provided a beautiful, welcoming venue for an unforgettable congress.

We wish you an exciting week marked by the pursuit of outstanding science and knowledge and the delights of new friendships amid a truly magnificent city.



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