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Nothing in life is to be feared; it is only to be understood.

- Marie Curie

IMR Director's Message

Salam Sejahtera!

As 2017 drew to a close, we looked back at another eventful year in reflection.

We were honoured to have the Chief Secretary (KSU) of the Ministry of Health visiting the IMR for the first time on 21 November 2017. He commented that he saw good culture habits and noted that everyone was coordinated, cheerful, spirited and happy and he saw how he could help IMR. Locally, I am pleased to add that IMR had a slot on TraXX FM radio RTM on 29 November 2017 where Dr. Ami as Head of HMRC was our spokesperson. Internationally, I had the privilege to meet with the President of the Robert Koch Institute in Berlin, Germany when I was en route to Geneva for the WHO GOARN meeting. I have instructed Dr. Norazah as Head of IDRC to work towards possible collaboration in infectious diseases.

At the year end *Perhimpunan Pagi* organised by AIRC on 13 December 2017, I touched upon the IMR Transformation Strategic Plan and emphasised that we need to harness our talents in a creative manner and move forward as a team.

I am proud to announce that Dr. Sophia, a young Research Officer from AIRC was one



of three recipients of the prestigious Merdeka Award International Attachment Grant 2017 presented by Sultan Nazrin Muizzuddin Shah at the Malaysian Petroleum Club, Petronas Twin Towers. Her topic was on **'Lipidomics and Risk of Early Onset Myocardial Infarction'**.

I wish for the continued success of all IMR Researchers!

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IMR on 13
December 2017
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Merdeka Grant Award Ceremony 2017 at the Malaysian Petroleum Club, Petronas Twin Towers



↑ Dr. Mohd Fairulnizal described IMR's achievements to HRH Sultan Nazrin Shah.

← The winners of the Merdeka Award Grant for International Attachment 2017 with HRH Sultan Nazrin Shah, Chief Executive Operations of Petronas Tan Sri Wan Zulkiflee Wan Ariffin and Edward E. Graham President and Chairman of Exxonmobil Exploration and Production Malaysia Inc.

← Dr. Sophia Rasheeqa pose with her Merdeka Award Certificate.

↓ IMR Director, Dato' Dr. Fadzilah Kamaludin with the President of Robert Koch Institute, Professor Dr. Lothar H. Wieler discussed the potential for research collaborations in tropical diseases.



↑ The IMR Director attended the Global Outbreak Alert and Response Network (GOARN) partners meeting at Geneva. The meeting was closed by the Director General of WHO.



Dato' Dr. Fadzilah Kamaludin attended the Accreditation Working Group for Field Epidemiology Training Programme (FETP) at the Robert Koch Institute.



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29 November 2017: Dr. Ami Fazlin, Head of Herbal Medicine Research Centre (HMRC) Appeared on TraXX FM to Speak on IMR as a Leading Medical Research Institute





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The Malaysian Acute Vascular Events Risk (MAVERIK) Study

The Cardiovascular, Diabetes and Nutrition Research Centre (CDNRC), IMR continued its collaboration with the University of Cambridge, UK, in the two-year nationwide MAVERIK Study. With the objective of studying potential genetic and biochemical risk factors of early onset of myocardial infarction (heart attack) among Malaysians, the first phase of data collection included four major hospitals – Serdang Hospital, Kuala Lumpur Hospital, Hospital Pulau Pinang and Hospital Raja Perempuan Bainun in Ipoh. The teams also participated in raising awareness of the research project during the World Heart Day exhibitions at Serdang Hospital and Hospital Pulau Pinang. The second phase of data collection will include another twelve hospitals in Selangor, Kedah, Perlis, Kelantan, Terengganu, Johor, Melaka, Pahang, Sabah and Sarawak bringing the total to 16 hospitals for case recruitment. The IMR team carried out networking for research collaboration with the Heads of Medical/Cardiology departments from selected hospitals on 28 November 2017. Hospital visits and training of hospital staff has been carried out to facilitate coordination of simultaneous case and control recruitment nationwide.



← The IMR-Cambridge Research Team visited the Head of the Cardiology Department, at Sarawak Heart Centre, Dr Ong Tiong Kiam (2nd from left), to discuss collaboration for the second phase of the study.

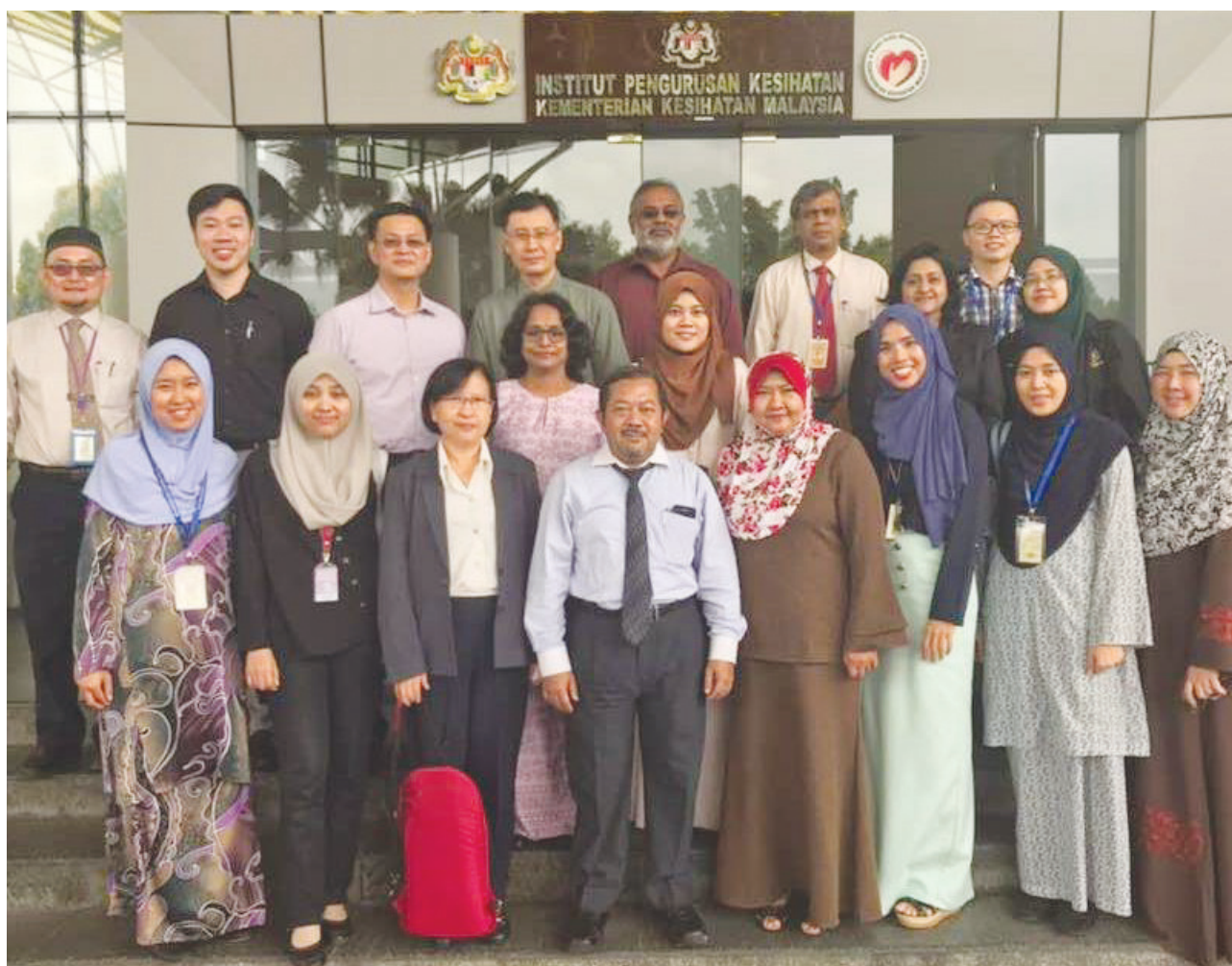


Booth to promote the Maverik Study at Penang Hospital.



↑ The Maverik Study was promoted at the World Heart Day exhibition at Hospital Serdang with Datuk Dr. Abdul Kahar, Head of Cardiology Department (second from left).

← Dr. Mohd Fairulnizal (Malaysian Principal Investigator) with Dr. Alan Fong (Consultant Cardiologist at Sarawak Heart Centre – on the left) and Dr. Rajiv Chowdhury (UK Principal Investigator – in the centre).



The IMR research team met with Heads of Medical and Cardiology Departments discussed research collaboration for the second phase of the Maverik Study that will involve nearly all states.

**Working Visit by YBhg. Dato' Seri Dr Chen Chaw Min
Chief Secretary of the Ministry of Health (KSU, KKM)
to the Institute for Medical Research (IMR) on Tuesday,
21 November 2017**



KSU KKM visited the IMR Biomedical Museum.



KSU KKM Toured The IMR Research Facilities





← KSU addressed the IMR Staff at the Ungku Omar Auditorium.



↑ KSU at a dialogue session with the IMR Staff.



← KSU with TKPK (R&ST) and IMR Director.