

ICoMST 2016 Update, Bangkok, Thailand

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The annual International Congress on Meat Science and Technology was held this year in beautiful Thailand. A total of 420 participants attended from 39 countries. Again this year, it was preceded by the graduate student course. The Thai organizing committee, participants and exhibitors were very keen and rightfully proud to present their industry. Everything was done according to the ICoMST traditions with a nice Thai flare throughout the conference. Details on the program and technical tours, pictures and videos can be found at <http://icomst2016.com/>. The scientific programs included difficult and challenging topics for our sector such as meat and cancer, dietary nitrate, growth hormones, etc. Many of the review papers published in the special editions of Meat Science (vol 120) are likely to become landmark papers.

I was assigned by our past president, Mary Ann Binnie, to attend the meeting on behalf of the association. I must say that our Thai colleagues have managed the organization very effectively and all with volunteer workforce, no event company involved. They were able to get sponsorship to support 100 student participations to the course from the Thai Research Funds, lunch boxes from the McDonalds group, along with 30 students getting registration at half price. They really put a major emphasis on their young scientists' participation. They presented a well balanced budget that provides attendance to next years' meeting to report on the final budget. The chair of the organizing committee, Prof. Adisorn Swetwivathana, addressed a special thank you to Korea for their strong participation (70/420 participants).

At the meeting, Prof. Eero Puolanne announced that it is now time to think of a replacement for him. Now that the Digicomst project is on track, Eero is hoping for less busy times. The participating countries will have to have a long hard look at their sustainability.

Next year, the 63rd ICoMST will be held in Cork, Ireland, from August 13th to 18th and the theme that has been selected is "Nurturing Locally, Growing Globally". Information can be found at: <http://icomst2017.com/>.



Our traditional picture before the banquet, this year Canadian participants from left to right: Dr Manuel Juarez, AAFC Lacombe, Prof. Linda Saucier, Université Laval, Mr. Shahid Mahmood, Ph.D. student at the University of Alberta, Ms. Jessie Longpré, F. Ménard, Ms. Maidah Khaliq, M.Sc. student at the University of Alberta. Maidah is this year CMSA-CMC Volunteers ICoMST Travel Award recipient.