The 2008 Asian Symposium “Lactic Acid Bacteria in Research and Industry”, Ulaanbaatar/Mongolia

Wednesday, the 27th August 2008

8.30 – 9.30 Registration

9.30 – 10.00 Inauguration Speeches
• Representatives from the Ministry of Education, Culture and Sciences and the Ministry of Food and Agriculture;
• Prof. Dr. Shirchin Demberel, Chairman of the Symposium Org.Committee;
• Prof. Dr. Ying-Chieh Tsai, President of the AFSLAB.

10.00 – 12.30 Keynote Lectures
• “Forefront Research on Lactic Acid Bacteria in Japan”, Prof. Dr. Fusao Tomita;
• “The Molecular Signaling Pathways Involved in the Modulation of Host Innate Immunity by Intestinal Lactic Acid Bacteria”, Prof. Dr. Yuan-Kun Lee;
• “Therapeutic and Preventive Effects of Traditional Fermented Milk Products in Mongolia”, Prof. Dr. Shirchin Demberel;
• “Health Benefits of Lactic Acid Bacteria in Kimchi”, Prof. Dr. Kun-Young Park;
• “Exploring Beneficial Lactic Acid Bacteria and Yeast Strains From Airag and Tarag, Traditional Fermented Milk Products by Nomads in Mongolia”, Dr. Koichi Watanabe.

12.30 – 13.30 Lunch Break

13.30 – 16.00 Thematic Sessions
1. Development and Industrial Application of LAB
2. Metabolism and Functionality of LAB
3. Genetics and Molecular Biology of LAB
4. Traditional ways of LAB-Application and Their Benefits from a Contemporary View

16.00 – 16.30 Coffee Break

16.30 – 18.00 Thematic Sessions

18.00 End of the Official Program of the First Day

19.00 – 21.00 Welcoming Dinner, hosted by the Minister of Food and Agriculture

Thursday, the 28th August 2008

9.00 – 15.00 Guided Tour to Countryside. This aims to show our symposium guests the following:
- Traditional methods of milk fermentation,
- Mongolian tradition and culture,
- “Ger” the mobile dwelling of steppe nomads,
- Mongolian cuisine, and
- Horse racing.

15.00 – 16.00 Rest Time

16.00 – 19.00 Free Time or Guided Tour in the Ulaanbaatar City

19.00 – … Symposium Dinner

The Symposium includes a Poster Exhibition.