

# **THE AGREEMENT TO ESTABLISH AN INTER-SOCIETY ALLIANCE BETWEEN THE THAI SOCIETY OF CRITICAL CARE MEDICINE(TSCCM) AND THE JAPANESE SOCIETY OF INTENSIVE CARE MEDICINE(JSICM)**

The agreement between the Thai Society of Critical Care Medicine (TSCCM) and the Japanese Society of Intensive Care Medicine (JSICM) outlines the structure and operations of the inter-society alliance. Both societies will comply with the stipulations contained in this agreement until its official termination

## **SECTION I. SCOPE OF AGREEMENT**

### *1. Mission Statement*

The organizing committees of TSCCM and JSICM's Joint Scientific Program (the Joint Committee) will pursue growth and development of critical care/intensive care medicine in Thailand and Japan by marshaling resources from both countries to better satisfy the professional needs of the staffs of intensive care units. In addition, the Joint Committee will promote understanding between medical specialists in Thailand and Japan.

### *2. Organization of the Joint Committee*

Five members, including the president of each country society, chairman of International Relationship committee and other three members of the society selected from each country's organizing committee, will manage the Joint Committee. The president of each society will equally share the presidency of the Joint Committee. The chairman of each society's International Relationship Committee will co-serve as the secretary of the Joint Committee. Meeting for the Joint Committee will normally be held annually during the period of the joint scientific program. Changes in the meeting times will require consent from all members of both countries' organizing committees.

The Joint Committee could be held additionally by the agreement of all members of both countries' organizing committee.

### *3. Functions of the Joint Committee*

- a. Coordinate the annual joint scientific program
- b. Foster educational and research initiatives: The Joint Committee will coordinate the collaborative research between TSCCM and JSICM.
- c. Manage the patient referral system: The Joint Committee will aim to facilitate patient admissions by developing a standard referral system that requires patients to have acceptable reason(s) and acknowledge the transferability of legal rights from Thailand to Japan and vice-versa.

### *4. The Joint Scientific Program of TSCCM and JSICM*

- a. The joint program will be held annually in each society's annual academic meeting and the hosting society invites speakers from the other. Each society will host the Joint Scientific Meeting every two years.
- b. The host country will be responsible for planning the scientific program of the congress and decide on the scope of financial support for expenses incurred by the invited country's participants. In this case, travel expenses will include honorarium, airfare (economy class) and three night accommodations during the academic meeting for organizing committee members and invited speakers. Changes to these conditions will require consent from both organizing committees.
- c. Jointed committee and invited speakers will be exempt from paying the registration fee of the joint scientific program.

- d. Attendance at the joint program is a subject of CME credit for both societies

## SECTION II. TERMS OF AGREEMENT

By signing this document, both TSCCM and JSICM agree to the following terms:

- a. The organizing committees of TSCCM and JSICM affirm that this agreement will be effective commencing March 1, 2014.
- b. In the case where either society wishes to extend the agreement in its entirety or in part, that society will notify the other in writing of its intention and both societies will meet to discuss the proposal.
- c. Upon mutual written consent, the agreement may be terminated or extended at any time, without limit as to the number of extensions of renewals.
- d. In the event of a breach of the stipulations of this agreement by one of the parties, the other may choose to terminate the agreement provided a 30 day's written notice is given.

IN WITNESS WHERE OF TSCCM and JSICM here to have duly executed this agreement as of *March 1, 2014*

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*President*

*The Thai Society of Critical  
Care Medicine (TSCCM)*

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sive Care Medicine (JSICM)*