

National Conference on Updates in

Haemostasis 2010:

Bring the Awareness of Bleeding Disorders

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The School of Medicine, Universiti Malaysia Sabah organized the National Conference on Updates in Haemostasis on 1st – 3rd December 2010. The conference was organized to benefit the various categories of medical staff in this region, namely the Medical Lab Technologists, Scientific Officers, Nurses, Hospital Assistants and the Medical Officers especially in the Department of Haematology. The objectives of the conference were to bring about awareness of Haemorrhagic disorders to the participants and to update the participants in simple laboratory test for the diagnosis of common acquired and inherited bleeding disorders.

A new Haemostasis Laboratory was thus successfully set-up at the School of Medicine, Universiti Malaysia Sabah. It began operation on 16th August 2010. With this new facility in place, it became appropriate to bring the awareness of bleeding disorders to the medical fraternity in Sabah and Sarawak. The topics selected for the conference covered a wide range of issues specific to Haemostasis a half day practical session was also slotted in to provide basic laboratory hands-on exposure to laboratory-based participants at the SPU Pathology Lab.



Dr. A.Thiruchelvam as the organizer hopes that the National Conference would not only be a wake-up call for the health administrators to bring about positive changes to this field of haematology, but also a moral boost to clinicians and laboratory staff as the foundation has just been laid for improved and better laboratory facilities for the diagnosis and clinical management of haemorrhagic disorders in Sabah and Sarawak.