Dear Scientists,

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

The novel coronavirus, also known as SARS-Cov-2, has caused pandemics with almost 235 M cases, over 4.8 M deaths since 2019 and significant impacts on socio-economics globally. Although Biomedical research worldwide and in Vietnam has been seriously impacted in the current pandemic, the “Life Science Links” team, aiming to advance the biological research in Vietnam and continuing the extremely successful annual-scientific meeting chain co-organized by the Scientific Association **Rencontres du Vietnam (RDV)** and **Vietnam France University (USTH)** in Quy Nhon, Binh Dinh since 2017, is pleased to announce that **The Rencontres de Quy Nhon IV: BIOLOGY CONFERENCE 2021** will be held at the ***International Center for Interdisciplinary Science and Education (ICISE)***, **Quy Nhon, Binh Dinh,** on **December 13-15, 2021** *(providing that the pandemic situation and the related regulations will allow this)*.

The meeting aims to promote scientific exchange and collaboration for Young Vietnamese scientists working in fundamental and applied academic research, industry, and regulatory fields of life science. We believe that a scientific meeting is an essential opportunity and a professional environment to maintain the existing and initiate new multidisciplinary collaborative networks.

We cordially invite you to join **The Rencontres de Quy Nhon IV: BIOLOGY CONFERENCE 2021** and will be delighted to welcome you to Quy Nhon!

**Conference Themes (But not limited to)**:

1.     The evolution of Coronavirus. Updating on the Variants of SARS-CoV-2

2.     Bio-pharma-medical research and development on bioactive compounds and vaccines targeting Covid-19 and other related diseases. The global visions and case study in Vietnam.

3.     Search for molecular markers associated with different variants of viruses.

4.     Updating on SARS-CoV-2 infected patients: disease severity on various groups of patients.

5.     Antimicrobial resistance in humans and animals, including that in parasitology.

The conference will take advantage of the global experiences in bioactive compounds and vaccine technology investigations to cure the emerging threats of public health. Participants will have the opportunity to work together, exchange, and learn experiences from various senior scientists, and to build multidisciplinary scientific collaboration. They will also have opportunities to approach information about funding sources from different research funders, including local and government, public and private sectors.

**Conference format:** The conference will use a range of formats: Keynote speaker presentations in the plenary session, poster exhibitions, oral presentations in the parallel sessions, exhibitions and training courses from private companies and enterprises operating in the fields of Biomedicine and Pharmacy, open roundtable discussions and excursions which will offer the opportunity for you to further networking and discover the beauty of Quy Nhon.

**Meeting duration:** Three-day program, 13th – 15th December 2021 (From Mon to Wed).

**Day 1:** Keynote speaker presentations will address the updated knowledge on coronavirus and viral diseases, current research on bioactive compounds, especially plant-derived compounds, biosimilar drugs, vaccines, etc... The thematic open round-table discussions will provide a platform for exchanging the practical issues related to the above themes and the policies and opportunities to develop potential multifaceted collaborations.

**Day 2:** The poster presentation, thematic training courses on essential high-end equipment, cutting-edge scientific tools, and techniques in Biomedicine-Pharmacy sectors. The excursion and outdoor activities promote informal scientific communications and bond scientists together.

**Day 3:** The thematic presentations from delegates will address the global issue on antimicrobial resistance issues in general and the human and animal parasitology *(This session will especially be dedicated to the research activities from the Institute of Malariology, Parasitology, and Entomology Quy Nhon, in particular, and from the corresponding institutions throughout Vietnam, in general).*

The summary of the conference and Closing session will be implemented at the end of Day 3. Finally, the conference will be closed with an outdoor gala party at ICISE.

**Organizers**: The Scientific Association Rencontres du Vietnam (RDV), International Centre for Interdisciplinary Science and Education (ICISE), Vietnam France University (USTH), Life Science Links.

**Venue**: ICISE Conference Center, Quy Nhon, Binh Dinh

**Duration:** December 13-15, 2021

**Abstract Submission Deadline**: November 10, 2021

**Acceptance announcement:** November 15, 2021

**Registration**: <https://forms.gle/GFKnkD2nvtoEnKEB9>

**Participants**: Early-career researchers in all sectors of Life Sciences with a particular focus on (but not limited to) biomedical and pharmaceutical applications.

**Official language:** English

**Conference documentation:** Conference program, registration information, and forms are available on the conference website. The Abstract Proceedings and other documents will be handed in at the registration for the conference.

**Conference Fees**: The admission, registration, conference documents, and meals during the conference time will be fully covered for all participants with selected abstracts of Oral and/or Poster presentations. The roundtrips from Quy Nhon city to the Conference center will be freely arranged for all participants. Please note that the costs for hotel stays and travel of participants will not be covered by the conference organizing committee.

Further information for the hotels and travel in Quy Nhon city can be found on the websites:

<https://www.icisequynhon.com/vi/cam-nang-du-lich/>

<https://www.booking.com/>

The roundtrip arrangement for delegates from hotels to the conference center will be informed you later.

**Hotels and Travel Grants**: Attendees who have difficulty with the budget may contact the organizers for further assistance.

**Awards**: Encouraging awards are waiting for the excellent women scientists, Good Vietnamese ethnic-minority scientists, and the best oral and the best poster presentators.

For more details, please see the attached file and/or the following links:

<https://www.icisequynhon.com/conferences/2021/4th-Biology/4th-biology-conference.html>

<https://usth.edu.vn/en/events/Rencontres-de-Quy-Nhon-IV-Biology-Conference-2021.html>

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Yours Sincerely,

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