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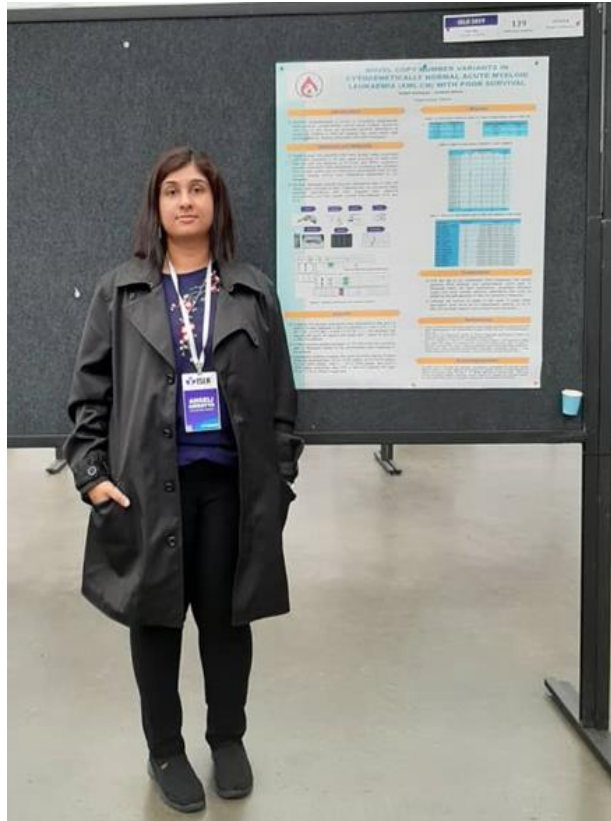
This year's International Society for Laboratory Haematology (ISLH) annual symposium was held in Vancouver, Canada which was attended by professionals in the field of laboratory haematology from all over the world. It was a great opportunity to meet fellow scientists and researchers in this field and also to present my research findings in this renowned symposium.

This symposium covered all aspects of laboratory haematology with concurrent session encompassing malignant and non-malignant haematology. Since my main interest is on the field of flow cytometry and molecular genetics, I attended related lectures which would benefit my laboratory and studies. Recent development in the field of bioinformatics enabled the integration of immunophenotypic profiles using bioinformatic tools which are useful in optimizing test protocols as discussed by Dr Ryan Brinkman, a distinguished scientist from Cytanex Bioinformatics. Apart from that, there were series of lectures focussing on acute myeloid leukaemia molecular genetics which was enlightening as I would be able to refine my study protocols and experiments in local studies.

Apart from attending the lecture sessions, I also presented my research findings during the welcome reception session and day two of the conference. It was interesting to share ideas and opinions with fellow researchers from all over the world during these sessions.

This year was very special for me as I was elected as Scientific Committee for Cellular Analysis and Flow Cytometry by the International Society for Laboratory Haematology Board Members. I will be serving for three consecutive years beginning 2020. This is truly an honor for Malaysia to be in the Scientific Committee of such a reputable organization in the world. My roles will include organizing annual ISLH symposiums, preparing protocols and serve in the flow cytometry guideline committee along with Bruce Davis, world renowned cytometrist.

This year's symposium has been a fruitful and rewarding experience for me. I am looking forward for next year's meeting to serve as part of their Scientific Committee. I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to Malaysian Society of Haematology for the partial travel sponsorship, Dr. Jameela Sathar for her generosity and support, Prof. Dr. Rosline Hassan (University Sains Malaysia) and Dr Jeyanthi Eswaran (Newcastle University), Prof. Dr. Zhang Qian-Yun (University of New Mexico) for always being there for me whenever I needed input for my research projects. Last not but not least, Dr Mandy Yap Yee, Dr Chong Siew Lian, Syed Carlo, Putri, Andrew, Pavitra and all my lab mates for their endless support and help in conducting my research projects. Above all, thank God for His grace, provision and favour!



Picture 1. My presentation during Welcome Reception



Picture 2. Picture taken during discussion with Prof. Dr. Tracy George, President-Elect (ISLH), Dr Heesun Rogers (ISLH Board) and Prof. Dr. Zhang Qian-Yun (ISLH Board)