

## A brief report after participation in Asian Congress on Biotechnology, 2019

The Asian Congress on Biotechnology (ACB) is a biennial meeting of Asian Federation of Biotechnology (AFOB), which just observed its 14<sup>th</sup> edition on July 1 – 4, 2019 in one of the resorts of Taipei City, Taiwan. Themed on *Biotechnology for 20/20 and Beyond*, a staggering number of about 1,000 participants from 31 countries attended the meet. The Congress also hosted several sessions involving delegates of European Federation of Biotechnology (EFB). A contingent of eight members featuring the academics, government officials, researchers and students from Bangladesh region joined the meet. This is the second of its kind the Bangladesh delegates attending in numbers since its admission in the AFOB family as full member in 2017. During the four- day event, 57 technical sessions on different areas of Biosciences and Biotechnology, namely *Bioenergy & Refinery, Nano-biotechnology, Biosensors and Biochips, Agriculture and Food Biotechnology, Tissue Engineering and Biomaterials, Environmental Biotechnology, Bioprocess and Biopharmaceuticals, Applied microbiology, Biocatalyst and Protein Engineering, Biopharmaceuticals and Medical Biotechnology, Bioindustry and Bioeconomy, and Bioentrepreneurship* were held. All the members of Bangladesh presented their research in the form of either oral or poster presentations. Ms. Pritylata Chakrabarty, a student member of AFOB, hailed from the Department of Microbiology, University of Dhaka was awarded with the best poster prize from the category of Young Scientists. Overall, the experience joining the Congress was a rewarding one, and we encourage the members to share the beauty of science AFOB is leading from the front. Here is a list of upcoming activities in the AFOB's calendar sent for your information and participation.



Bangladesh group with few other int'l members in the ACB 2019

1. BioIncheon Global Conference including Biobusiness and new Horizons of Biopharmaceutics (Big C), August 20, 2019 ([bioincheon2019@gmail.com](mailto:bioincheon2019@gmail.com))
2. AFOB Malaysia Chapter International Symposium 2019 ([www.afobmcis.my](http://www.afobmcis.my))
3. AFOB BioEconomy Forum in November in conjunction with 31<sup>st</sup> Annual meeting of the Thai Society of Biotechnology (TSB) in Phuket, Thailand ([www.tsb2019.com](http://www.tsb2019.com))
4. YAABEC 2019, November 22-24, 2019 South Korea ([www.yabec2019.com](http://www.yabec2019.com))
5. ARS, 2020, 12 – 14, February, Yokayakarta, Indonesia
6. AFOB Summer Forum, August 2020
7. ARS 2021, February, Nepal
8. ACB, 2021, July, Baley, Indonesia

Thanking you,

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