

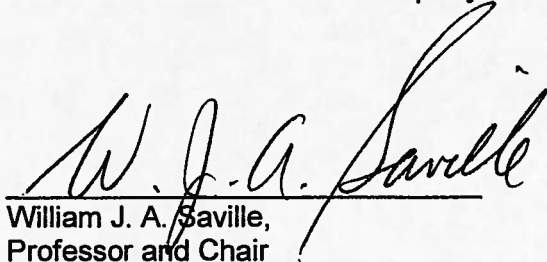
Concept Note Statement

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The Chiang Mai University (CMU) is the first higher education institute in Northern Thailand and is one of the comprehensive institutions of higher learning providing a broad range of academic programs in Thailand. The University currently offers 87 undergraduate programs, 163 postgraduate and graduate diploma programs to more than twenty-five thousand students. In addition, among the international masters and doctoral programs being offered is the Master of Veterinary Public Health program (MVPH) which began in 2003/2004 for the Southeast Asia Region. The Veterinary Public Health Center for Asia Pacific (VPH-CAP) is currently directed by Dr Prapas Patchane who graduated with PhD from OSU in 2009. Young and mid-career veterinarians and other professionals (natural, agricultural, medical sciences) from the Southeast Asian region with a background and training needs in zoonoses control and food safety are the target group addressed by the VPH-CAP program.

The Ohio State University with its College of Veterinary Medicine has been collaborating with the Chiang Mai University, College of Veterinary Medicine since 1999. These include student exchange programs and since the establishment of the student exchange and research collaborations with the Chiang Mai University, a number of professional DVM students from OSU have been successfully accomplished their study abroad programs through Dr Nongunch Inpanbutr from the Department of Veterinary Biosciences mainly on elephants health and behaviors. In 2009, Dr Gebreyes was also invited as a keynote speaker for the "Asia Pacific Foodborne Zoonosis Symposium" organized by the Chiang Mai University, Thailand.

The collaborative initiation between the Ohio State University and Chiang Mai University includes a series of cooperative activities that include research collaboration in the areas of food safety and zoonoses, student exchange and study abroad programs and organization of joint workshops, symposia, etc. on topics of mutual interest of both parties. This collaborative effort does not carry financial commitment on either party.



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