

**ISAPP sponsors symposium at 2005 meeting of the
3RD ASIAN CONFERENCE FOR LACTIC ACID BACTERIA and 9TH NATIONAL
CONGRESS OF INDONESIAN SOCIETY FOR MICROBIOLOGY
24-27 August 2005
Bali, Indonesia**

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A satellite symposium on *Probiotics and Prebiotics*, sponsored by ISAPP, was held in conjunction with the 9th National Congress of Indonesian Society for Microbiology & 3rd Asian Conference for Lactic Acid Bacteria in Bali, Indonesia (25-26 August 2005). The conference was organized in collaboration with International Union of Microbiological Societies and the Asian Federation of Society for Lactic Acid Bacteria.

Over 330 participants from 15 countries, including 5 from Europe, participated in the conference. The conference program consisted of 7 plenary papers, 54 oral presentations (12 satellite symposia) and 139 poster presentations.

Two of the plenary speakers (Prof J Crane, Wellington School of Medicine and Health Sciences, New Zealand and Prof H Gill, DPI Victoria, Melbourne, Australia) and two of the symposium speakers (Dr R Crittenden, Food Science Australia, CSIRO, Melbourne, Australia and Dr J Prasad, Fonterra Innovation, Fonterra Co-operative Group Ltd, Palmerston North, New Zealand) were sponsored by ISAPP. Their talks were titled:

- Not all bacteria are bad: probiotics improve health and fight disease (Harsharn Gill)
- 30 years of the hygiene hypothesis (Julian Crane)
- Prebiotics, gut microbiota, and human health (Ross Crittenden)
- Probiotic and the manipulation of intestinal microflora in the elderly (Jaya Prasad)

All presentations were very well received and generated much discussion and interest in the area.