## FSC Short Course 2019- Thailand

**Topic**: Drying of Medicinal Plants

**Duration**: Monday 16<sup>th</sup> – Friday 20<sup>th</sup>, September 2019

**Number of Participants**: 35 persons

(Ph.D. students, Master students, the 4th year bachelor students, lecturer, enterprises)

#### **Invited Speaker:**

Professor Dr. Joachim Müller Agricultural Engineering in the Tropics and Subtropics (440e) University of Hohenheim Stuttgart, Germany

#### **Host University**

Department of Food Technology Faculty of Engineering and Industrial Technology Silpakorn University, Nakhon Pathom, 73000 Thailand

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## **Background**

South-east Asian countries like Thailand and Malaysia have a long history of using medicinal plant that offer considerable pharmaceutical potential. Medicinal plants known as samunphrai in the local Thai language have long been used as a traditional source of healing in Thailand. For example, cassumunar ginger and turmeric have anti-inflammatory properties. The oil of many Thai medicinal plants is used for massage therapy to help joint and muscle problem. Drying is the most common and fundamental method for post-harvest preservation of medicinal plants. However, in Thailand sun drying which is poor hygiene and high contamination is often used for drying medicinal plants. Therefore, the fruitful knowledge on drying of medicinal plants is crucial for strengthen the proper postharvest preservation and the application of medicinal plants in Thailand as well as South-east Asia.

# **Time Schedule**

| Day | Date       | Time          | Topic  | Lecturer               |
|-----|------------|---------------|--|------------------------|
| Mon | 16.09.2019 | 09.00 - 10.00 | Introduction to University of Hohenheim                          | Prof. Müller           |
|     |            | 10.00 - 11.00 | Introduction to Drying Technology                                |                        |
|     |            | 11.00 - 11.30 | Break  |                        |
|     |            | 11.30 - 12.30 | Psychrometrics   |                        |
|     |            | 12.30 - 13.30 | Lunch  |                        |
|     |            | 13.30 - 16.30 | Psychrometrics (PC-Practical)                                    |                        |
| Tue | 17.09.2019 | 09.00 - 10.30 | Sorption Isotherm  | Prof. Müller           |
|     |            | 10.30 - 10.45 | Break  |                        |
|     |            | 10.45 - 12.00 | Sorption Isotherm (PC-Practical)                                 |                        |
|     |            | 12.00 - 13.00 | Lunch  |                        |
|     |            | 13.00 - 14.00 | Sorption Isotherm (PC-Practical)                                 |                        |
|     |            | 14.00 - 14.30 | Break  |                        |
|     |            | 14.30 - 16.30 | Drying of Medicinal Plants – Laboratory                          | Assist.Prof.Mahayothee |
| Wed | 18.09.2019 | 09.00 - 10.30 | Drying of Medicinal Plants                                       | Prof. Müller           |
|     |            | 10.30 - 10.45 | Break  |                        |
|     |            | 10.45 - 12.00 | Drying of Medicinal Plants (Drying curves-PC-Practical)          |                        |
|     |            | 12.00 - 13.00 | Lunch  |                        |
|     |            | 13.00 - 14.00 | Drying of Medicinal Plants (Drying curves-PC-Practical)          |                        |
|     |            | 14.00 - 14.30 | Break  |                        |
|     |            | 14.30 - 16.30 | Laboratory on essential oil extraction and analysis of bioactive | Assist.Prof.Mahayothee |
|     |            |               | compounds in medicinal plants                                    |                        |
| Thu | 19.09.2019 | 08.00 - 17.00 | Excursion  | Prof. Müller/          |
|     |            |               | Visit to the drying medicinal plants factory in Prachup khiri    | Assist.Prof.Mahayothee |
|     |            |               | khan province, Thailand  |                        |
| Fri | 20.09.2019 | 09.00 - 10.00 | Quality  | Assist.Prof.Mahayothee |
|     |            | 10.00 - 12.00 | Summary (Students Presentation and Discussion)                   | Prof. Müller           |
|     |            | 12.00 - 13.00 | Lunch  |                        |
|     |            | 13.00 - 16.00 | Course evaluation  | Prof. Müller/          |
|     |            |               |  | Assist.Prof.Mahayothee |