

# NEWS IN BRIEF

## FIST REPRESENTED AT ASIAN ANALYSIS X

**Kuala Lumpur Aug 11-13.** The MOSTI-funded research (Science Fund 02-01-16-SF0005 ) was presented by lead researcher and FIST's lecturer, Saiful Nizam Tajuddin to a "full house". The presentation highlighted the successful separation of sesquiterpene hydrocarbons from oxygenated sesquiterpene hydrocarbons which are responsible for the fragrance of the important Malaysian commodity. Those in attendance included chemists from Asian nations, members of the Malaysian Chemical Analysis Society and Malaysian Institute of Chemistry, policymakers and the industry.

## FIST REPRESENTED AT 57th ANNUAL CONGRESS OF MEDICINAL PLANTS AND NATURAL PRODUCT RESEARCH

**Geneva, Switzerland Aug 17-21.** Prof Mashitah Mohd Yusoff presented twice at the Congress. Both papers, "Herbs for the treatment of diabetes and hypertension: remedies from traditional and ethnic formulations" and "Brine shrimp toxicity and anti-inflammatory properties of the methanolic extract of *Zingiber officinale* var. *rubrum* (Zingiberaceae)" appeared in volume 75(9) of the journal, *Planta Medica*.

## CENTRAL ANALYTICAL LAB FACILITY UPDATE

**Gambang, September 18.** The floor drawings of the central analytical laboratory facilities has been updated and finalized. Renovation work is expected to begin near year's end on the space vacated by the Faculty of Electrical & Electronics Engineering and Faculty of Mechanical Engineering.

## MALAYSIAN NATURAL PRODUCTS INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR 2009

-24th Annual Seminar of the Malaysian Natural Product Society

The two-day seminar co-organized by Universiti Malaysia Pahang and Malaysian Natural Product Society is expected to welcome nearly 80 national and international delegates 23-24 November to the MS Garden Hotel in Kuantan. Website <http://fist.ump.edu.my>