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Prof. Dr. Fung Shin Yee actively pursues her interest in natural compounds focusing on the biology and chemistry of medicinal mushrooms. She leads the Medicinal Mushroom Research Group (MMRG) and has immense interest in the Malaysia's National Treasure, the Tiger Milk mushrooms (Lignosus sp.) amongst other medicinal mushrooms. Her pioneering and innovative work with Lignosus sp. has won her several prestigious international and local prizes - including the much-coveted Prix Du Salon International Des Inventions De Geneva and ITEX Gold awards, and several Malaysian patents. Her interest also includes other prized medicinal mushrooms such as the Ophiocordyceps sinensis, Antrodia camphorata, Inonotus obliquus (Chaga) and Sanghwang - to name a few. Her research endeavours utilize a multidisciplinary approach in her methodology with multiple collaborators both local and international. Her work transcended from bench to bedside - a translational research that aims to bring the Malaysian medicinal gem to good use, promoting wellness to humankind. As a person constantly intrigued by the answers provided by nature for the problems faced in human health and social issues, she strongly believes that nature has many hidden secrets, which if one can tap into, will provide many solutions and platform from which to learn from. This has led her to her primary interest in natural compounds with healing properties. Her work has been published in many high impact articles in international journals and books. She is the Founder and CTO of Essenti Nutrien Sdn. Bhd. who specialises and pioneers the ACE Technology that produces xLr® as its inaugural ingredient for commercialization. She is also a member of LiGNO Biotech Scientific Advisory Board, and works with several biotechnology industries to promote science. She is a Fellow with Royal Society of Biology (RSB), United Kingdom and hold various leadership position. She is the Vice President of the Malaysian Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (MSBMB) which is an adhering body to the Federation of Asian and Oceanian Biochemists and Molecular Biologists (FAOBMB) and The International Union of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (IUBMB). She has been elected into the Nomination Committee of the IUBMB for the tenure 2024-2028. She is also the Vice President of The Organization for Women in Science (OWIS), part of the Organization for Women in Science of the Developing World (OWSD) - a UNESCO programme unit. She is a Professional Chemist registered with the Malaysian Institute of Chemistry (Institut Kimia Malaysia, IKM) and a Professional Technologist registered with Malaysia Board of Technologists (MBOT). She also runs the Science Outreach Team for the Malaysian Society of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology to encourage STEM. She currently is the Head of Department for the Department of Molecular Medicine (formerly known as the Department of Biochemistry) in the Faculty of Medicine, Universiti Malaya, Malaysia.

### **Areas of Expertise**

Proteins Purification/ Enzymology/Immunochemistry | Natural Products – Medicinal Mushrooms/Toxins | Bioactive components from Medicinal Mushrooms for Drugs Discovery

## **Professional Membership**

- •Fellow Royal Society of Biology (RSB), United Kingdom
- •Malaysian Society of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (MSBMB), Vice President (2024-2026), Life Member
- •Organization for Women in Science (OWIS) Malaysia (part of OWSD International (Under the Umbrella of UNESCO and Academy of Sciences Malaysia), Vice-Chairperson (2024-2028)
- •Nomination Committee, The International Union of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (IUBMB)
- •Golden Key National Honour Society of Malaysia, Member
- •Malaysian Society of Molecular Biology and Biotechnology, Member
- •International Society On Toxinology, Member
- •Malaysian Society on Toxinology, Member
- •International Society for Mushroom Science, Member
- •Society of Chemical Industry (SCI), Member
- •Malaysian Institute of Chemistry, Member
- •Malaysia Board of Technologists (MBOT), Professional Technologist

#### Selected awards and recognitions

- •Newtopia Now NEXTY Award Finalist 2025
- •Excellent Service Award, University of Malaya, 2024, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014
- •Universiti Malaya Excellence Award 2023 Commercialization (High technology Product and Services)
- •Academic Council, Board Member, Madan Bhandari University of Science and Technology, Chitlang, Nepal
- ITEX 2022 GOLD Award
- •PECIPTA 2022 Bronze Award
- •Fellow of the ASEAN Pioneering in Intellectual Property 2020-2021 (ASM-YSN, Licensing Executives Society International)
- •Certificate of Appreciation Chairperson of Organizing Committee Mushroom Science Virtual 2020-2023
- •Organizing Chair of the Personal Development Programme by OWSD-MNC 2021
- Certificate of Appreciation Chairperson for Organizing Committee OWSD-MNC EQ Virtual 2020
- •Sijil Penghargaan Fasilitator Impact Planning Development Workshop, Kluster Penyelidikan Universiti Malaya, 2020
- •Certificate of Achievement Research Grant Category, Department of Molecular Medicine, 2020
- •Certificate of Appreciation University of Malaya Cancer Research Institute, Bridging Translational Cancer Research Forum in Conjunction with The World Cancer Day 2020
- •UM Deep Tech Selected Technology, 2020
- •Breast Milk Scientific: "Understanding HMOS" Certificate of Completion, The Australian College of Midwives (ACM) and International Board of Lactation Consultant Examiners (IBLCE), 2020
- •Reviewer Certificate from Elsevier, 2019
- •Letter of Appreciation for Department Quality Manager Service, 2019
- •Good Clinical Practice, Director General of Health and National Committee of Clinical Research, 2019
- •Sijil Penghargaan Fasilitator Program "I Love Science", Sekolah Kebangsaan Pulau Meranti, 2019
- National Patent Drafting Course in The Framework of Enabling Ip Environment Project, MyIPO, 2019
- •UMRC Poster Competition, University of Malaya, 2019
- •Certificate of Appreciation from for Science Outreach Programme, SJKC Union, Cyberjaya, 2018
- •Certificate of Appreciation: Panelist On Graduation On Time Seminar (GOT), University of Malaya, 2018
- •Malaysia Health & Wellness Brand Award 2017 Team Member, Sin Chew Healthcare, Life Magazines, 2018
- •Certificate of Achievement: Highest Impact Factor in Web of Science (WOS), Department of Molecular Medicine, 2015 & 2016
- •Best Poster Award in The University of Malaya Researchers' Conference 2013, University of Malaya, 2013
- •Best Poster Award in Conjunction With The 38th Malaysian Society of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Annual Conference, Malaysian Society of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, 2009, 2010, 2013
- •Prix Du Salon International Des Inventions De Geneva, Salon International Des Inventions De Geneva, 2011
- •ITEX Gold (22nd International Invention, Innovation & Technology Exhibition, Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation, 2011)
- •Silver Medalist of The Life Science Category, University of Malaya, 2006
- •Recipient of The Italian Scholarship, Embassy of Italy, 2004, 2005
- •University Book Prize, Universiti Malaya, 1999

#### **Intellectual Property Rights**

- •PI2020003670 Method Of Cloning, Expression, Purification Of Serine Protease(S) From Lignosus rhinocerus
- •MY-190133-A Cloning, overexpression & purification of a recombinant lectin of a tiger milk mushroom *Lignosus rhinocerus* (GRANTED)
- •PI 2017704283 A medicament for treating human breast cancer
- •MY-184940-A Anti-inflammatory agent (GRANTED)
- •PI 201170079 Lignosus rhinocerus (tiger-milk mushroom) as anti-inflammatory agent
- •PI 2015704177 Serine protease and lectin with anti-proliferative activity from Lignosus tigris sclerotium
- •MY-175662-A Medicinal use of the extract of Lignosus rhinocerotis (GRANTED)
- •PI 2015700242 Lignosus rhinocerotis serine protease
- •MY-151078-A Mushroom extract for use in treatment of cancer (GRANTED)

#### **Publications**

131 ISI with 3741 citations and an H-index of 35.

Details available at

Web of Science PUBLONS: https://publons.com/researcher/1571032/shin-yee-fung/

SCOPUS: https://www.scopus.com/authid/detail.uri?authorId=26665361500 Google Scholar: https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=0QRXcEgAAAAJ

Detailed CV can be viewed at CURRICULUM VITAE: PROF. DR. FUNG SHIN YEE

#### **Selected Publications**

- •Mau Ern Poh, Muhammad Fazril Mohamad Razif, Muhammad Adil Zainal Abidin, Chong Kin Liam, Yong Kek Pang, Kee Ying Yeoh, Leng Cheng Sia, Nur Husna Ibrahim, Chee Kuan Wong, Jiunn Liang Tan, Thian Chee Loh, Vijayan Munusamy, Shin-Yee Fung (2025). Polyporaceae Lignosus rhinocerus TM02® Cultivar as Complementary Therapy for Respiratory Health: A Preliminary Investigation of Asthma. Pharmacological Research Natural Products
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- •Chuan W.Y., Jamil A.H.A., Razif M.F.M., Tan C.S., Fung S.Y. (2025). Ophiocordyceps sinensis: A Highly Valued Energizer and Traditional Medicine, Cordyceps and Allied Species, 221-261. doi:10.1007/978-981-97-6345-0\_9
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