

## **Merck Serono Luncheon Symposium**

Ballroom, Queen Sirikit National Convention Center, Bangkok

Monday, November 30, 2009

12.00 – 13.30 hr.

### **Metformin: Case for early intervention in subjects at risk of dysglycaemia**

Chairperson: Prof. Wannee Nitiyanant (Thailand)

#### **➤ Facing up to the epidemic of diabetes with policies directed at prevention**

- The Asian Approach

Speaker: Prof. A. Ramachandran (India)

- The European Approach

Speaker: Prof. P. Schwarz (Germany)

#### **➤ Can we expect CV protection and improved survival in high risk populations treated with metformin**

Speaker: Prof. I. W. Campbell (UK)

Type2 diabetes has been described as a growing epidemic by World Health Organization on a worldwide basis. Even though genetics factors plays a role in diabetes onset, patients lifestyle is also a key factor .Therefore it can be manageable to develop early intervention program in order to prevent the disease progression and this symposium will present examples of activities in India and in Europe. As type 2 diabetes is well known to be a very important cardiovascular risk factor which impacts life expectancy, thus how therapy can improve cardiovascular protection will be addressed as well.