

“Himalayan Mountain Medicine-From Bhutan to Wollongong”



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JCU Cairns A21.002 Teaching Annex;
Videolinked to JCU Townsville Bldg 9 Multi
Purpose AV Services room 002 (DA 9002)
*All welcome!***

Phurpa Wangchuk is researching medicinal plants of Bhutan and will present his findings on the phytochemical and biological activity studies of ethnopharmacologically selected plants. Along with many known phytochemicals, five new compounds with potent antimalarial activities were discovered from the six medicinal plants that the University of Wollongong research team have completed analyzing.

Phurpa Wangchuk is from Bhutan and currently an Endeavour Award PhD student at the Centre for Medicinal Chemistry, School of Chemistry, University of Wollongong, Australia under the supervision of Professor Stephen Pyne and Associate Professor Paul Keller. There have been nine papers published from his PhD project with three in preparation and one patent in the application process. Phurpa has received five meritorious awards (one international, two state level-New South Wales and another two University of Wollongong) for best PhD communications and poster presentations.

Previously Phurpa Wangchuk was the DANIDA Research Fellow at the DBL - Centre for Health Research and Development, Faculty of Life Sciences, Copenhagen University, Denmark where he completed a Graduate Diploma in Research Methodology. DBL - Centre for Health Research and Development has a long history of work with neglected tropical diseases including malaria. Phurpa Wangchuk did his M.Sc. (research) under the supervision of Emeritus Professor John Bremner at the University of Wollongong (UOW) 2002-2004. Between 1990 and 2010, he worked at the Research and Development Section of the Manjong Sorig Pharmaceuticals, Bhutan in various capacities including Research Officer, Chemist, Product Manager and the Head of Research and Development Section.