



**3rd Pan African Medical Mycology Society (PAMMS)
Conference**

***SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT
REGISTRATION
CALL FOR ABSTRACT***

***Chelsea Hotel
Central Business District
Abuja, Nigeria.***

Dates: February 25-27, 2009

Previous meetings

A successful 1st meeting ("Medical Mycology: The African Perspective") was held at the Hartenbos Beach Resort near Mossel Bay in the Western Cape, South Africa on 25 January 2005. The Pan African Medical Mycology Society (PAMMS) was inaugurated during this meeting and a steering committee consisting of Hester Vismer (Cape Town, South Africa), Ifeoma Enweani (Ekpoma, Nigeria) and El Sheikh Mahgoub (Khartoum, Sudan) was elected to look after PAMMS during its first few years. The 2nd meeting was also held in CTICC, Cape Town South Africa between May 6-8, 2007. During this meeting PAMMS Council members were elected viz Hester Vismer (Cape Town), Ifeoma Enweani (Nnewi, Nigeria). Membership of the PAMMS is free, as the Africa Fund for Fungal Biodiversity and Mycotic Infections, initiated by Sybren de Hoog and Jacques Meis of the Netherlands, will cover the initial costs of the Society.

Conference Announcement

It is a pleasure to invite you to attend the 3rd meeting of the PAMMS in Abuja to be

held at the National Center for Women Development (NCWD) located in the Central Business District. The conference will provide medical mycologists from Africa with a unique opportunity to present their latest research findings, to foster collaboration and to establish long-term relations between scientists from Africa and abroad. A PAMMS General Meeting will be held to discuss various updates on Medical Mycology Studies. Invited speakers from the African continent and speakers from outside Africa, working on topics concerning African fungi will participate in the meeting. Poster presentations will also form an important part of the programme.

In addition to the stimulating scientific programme planned for PAMMS 2009, Abuja is the current capital of Nigeria and is situated at the heart of Nigeria. It has a diverse culture with tourist attractions and hospitable people.

Ifeoma Enweani
Chairperson: PAMMS 2009

PAMMS 2009 Organising Committee

Ifeoma Enweani (Chairperson), Grace Ayanbimpe (Treasurer), Members - Lydia Abia-Basse, Emeka Nweze, Harish Gugnani, Afe Ekundayo, Dennis Agbonlahor, Francisca Okungbowa, Onyechere Allison

Scientific Committee

Hester Vismer (South Africa), David Katerere (Cape Town), Jacques Meis (Netherlands), Sybren de Hoog (Netherlands), El Sheikh Mahgoub (Sudan), Abdalla Ahmed (Saudi Arabia), Ifeoma Enweani (Nigeria), ohn Rheeder (South Africa)

Important Dates

Deadline dates

Abstract Submission	15 December 2008 (Notification of acceptance - 30 Dec 2008)
Early Conference Registration	10 December 2008
Late Registration	from 11 December 2008
Sponsorship Application	5 December 2008 (Successful candidates will be notified by 15 Dec 2008)
Expression of Interest	30 December 2008

Important Contacts and Addresses

All information regarding the **PAMMS 2009** conference is also available at the following website:
<http://www.cbs.knaw.nl/meetings>

General Enquiries/

Scientific Programme/Sponsorship

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Registration

Please complete and email the enclosed registration form to reach the organizing committee before 15 November 2008. Each delegate must use a separate registration form. All the amounts stated are VAT inclusive. Your participation in any activity will only be confirmed when payment has been received by PAMMS 2009.

Registration before November 2008

Full	N30,000 (\$250)
Students	Undergraduate-N2,000 Postgraduate-N10,000 (Foreigners - \$100)

participants.

Banquet fees are not included in the registration fees.

Registration from 16 Nov 2008

Full	N35,000 (\$350)
Students	Undergraduate- N2,000 Postgraduate - N15,000(\$150)

Accompanying persons are welcome to attend

- Welcome Reception at N3,000 per person
- Conference Banquet at N5,000 per person

Registration fees include

- All Scientific Sessions
- Welcome Reception 25th Feb 2009
- Programme and Abstract Book/Delegate list
- Lunches, Tea and coffee break

Cancellation

Cancellations have to be made in writing by e-mail to the PAMMS 2009 Chairperson. If cancellations are made before 1 Jan 2009, a cancellation fee of 20% of the paid amount will be charged. If cancellations are made after 1 Jan 2009, registration fees will not be refundable. Please note that telephonic cancellations will not be accepted.

Conference Banquet

The banquet fee is N5,000 per person for

Payments

Regrettably, payment of registration, welcome reception (extra) and banquet fees by credit cards will not be accepted.

Bank guaranteed Cheque payments can be made in Nigerian Naira to PAMMS 2009 Conference. Electronic transfers are acceptable. Ensure that bank drafts/electronic transfers state your name and PAMMS 2009 conference.

Bank Name	Intercontinental Bank Plc
Account no.	0027201000000217
Account Name	PAMMS2009conference
Account Type	Current
Swift Code	ICOBNGLA
Bank Address	Intercontinental Bank Plc OKpara Avenue, Enugu Nigeria

Please scan and email payment slips or proof of payment to the PAMMS2009 Treasurer, Grace Ayanbimpe, Email- ynbmp@yahoo.com or pamms2009@yahoo.com

*PAMMS 2009- PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

25 FEBRUARY 2009

15.30 - 18.00 Registration, Loading presentations, Put posters up

18.00 - 20.00 Welcome Reception

26 FEBRUARY 2009

07.30 - 08.20 Registration, Loading presentations, Put posters up

SESSION 1

Chairs Ifeoma Enweani and Synbren De Hoog

SESSION 2

Chairs Vismer H. F. And Gugnani, H.

SESSION 3

Chairs Meis J. And Abia-Bassey L.

SESSION 4

Chairs John Rheeder and Abbey S.

27 FEBRUARY 2009

08.00 - 08.30 Registration, Loading presentations

SESSION 5

Alf Botha and Dennis Agbonlahor

SESSION 6

Chairs Eunice Igumbor and Ahmad Moharram

SESSION 7

Chairs Abdallah Ahmed and Emeka Nweze

*Details Later

Call for Papers / Posters

Interest in presenting papers or posters should please be indicated on the enclosed interest form. Abstract deadline dates: December 15, 2008

The official language of the conference will be English. If a paper/poster is accepted, the abstract will be published as received and no responsibility for errors in the content will be accepted by the conference organizers. Abstracts should be submitted following the instructions below.

The Organising committee wishes to emphasize that oral and poster presentation are equally important. Display times are provided in the programme overview. Authors will be informed whether their

posters/papers have been accepted by December 30, 2008. Although every effort will be made to comply with presenters' preferences, the final decision remains with the scientific committee.

Acceptance of papers/posters does not imply financial support to attend conference. Instructions to authors on the abstract format are included. Please note that abstracts and presentations will only be included in the final documents once registration fees have been received.

A best poster and /or oral presentation for presenters younger than 35yrs will be selected during the conference and awarded with either a book or cash prize.

INSTRUCTION FOR PREPARATION OF ABSTRACTS

- See Example Abstract below. Abstracts must be typewritten in English. **Clearly indicate at the top of the abstract if you intend to it to be a poster or an oral presentation.**
- Set page margins at 2.5cm. Use New Times Roman font and point size 10. MS Word (MS) files are acceptable.
- Maximum length of the abstract including the title, affiliations and abstract text is 330 words
- Type the **ABSTRACT TITLE IN BOLD CAPITALS.**
- Leave one blank line and type the list of all authors in upper and lower case. If more than one author, underline the presenting author and give email address at the end of the address line.
- Next line - type affiliation(s) and full address(es). Match authors and their affiliations with the same superscript number. Give presenting author's email indicated in the example below.
- Leave one blank line. Type abstract text in 1.0 line spacing. Avoid using paragraphs.
- Abbreviations should be defined, placing the abbreviation in parentheses after the full word, the first time it appears.
- Your abstract should be received not later than December 15, 2008
- Name your file as follows: Surname PAMMS 2009.doc and send it via as an attached MS file to the conference chairperson: ibenweani@yahoo.com
- If you want to submit more than one abstract, please submit a separate file, following the instructions above.

EXAMPLE ABSTRACT - PAMMS 2009

Poster Presentation CANDIDOSIS IN NIGERIA

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Candida species are yeast like fungi occurring as ubiquitous commensals of man and animals. They cause a wide range of opportunistic infections. Studies were carried out on the prevalence of *Candida* species associated with vaginal and oral candidosis, diarrhea, urinary tract and ear infections. The presence of virulence markers**up to a maximum of 330 words.**

Letter of acceptance of abstracts

A letter of acceptance for submitted abstracts will be sent to you in December 2008. Your abstract will only be included in

the final documentation once your payment has been received.

Poster Sizes

Poster sizes will be sent to authors once abstracts evaluations have been completed.

PAMMS 2009 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Limited financial assistance is available under sponsorship from the International Society for Human and Animal Mycology (ISHAM), the European Confederation for Medical Mycology (ECMM) and the Africa Fund for Fungal Biodiversity and Mycotic infections for qualifying candidates.

Registered PhD students, Post doctoral fellows, physicians in training or students currently busy with post-graduate studies and full or part-time employed mycologist with less than 3 years experience, who are

interested to present an oral or poster presentation at the conference, may apply for possible support for their attendance of the PAMMS 2009.

Sponsorship application forms need to be completed and sent via email to the PAMMS 2009 conference chairperson by December 5, 2008. Candidates will be notified if they are successful by December 15, 2008. In case of a positive decision refunds will be made only after the conference.

OTHER CONFERENCE AND GENERAL INFORMATION

Conference Language

Oral papers, posters and abstracts will be in English

Letters of Invitation

Participants who require a formal letter of invitation should mark the appropriate block on the registration form.

Conference Badges

Delegates are kindly requested to wear their badges at all times in order to allow them to participate in conference events.

Flight Information

Most international flights operate direct flights to Lagos and Abuja. Connecting flights from Lagos to Abuja cost about N20,000(\$120) Airport Taxis are available at Nnamdi Azikiwe International airport, Abuja at N3,500 a drop

Weather in February

Abuja is known to have two seasons in a year. The month of February falls in the midst of the dry season and temperatures could be as high as 31^oC. However the conference venue is air conditioned.

Visa

You are responsible to obtain your own visa to Nigeria. Please consult with your own travel agent to ensure that you have a valid visa before departing from your country.

Currency/Banks

The local currency is the Nigerian Naira (Notes: N1000, N500, N200, N100, N50, N20, N10, N5. Foreign exchange facilities can be found at the airport, Bureaus de change and Banks. Most banks are opened from 08.00 and close at 16.00 on weekdays and on Saturdays from 10.00am to 13.00pm.

Shopping

Most shops open between 08.00 and 18.00

Electricity

Electricity systems are 220volts. Plugs have 3 square pins. It is essential to have adaptors for some foreign appliances.

Clothing

Light clothing is advised as February is one of the hottest months of the year.

HOTEL ACCOMODATION AND RESERVATIONS

Delegates will be responsible for their own accommodation arrangements, irrespective of the choice of the hotel, guest house etc. No bookings or amendments will be handled by PAMMS 2009 Organising Committee. A list of hotels, their location and approximate rates are given on the next page. Should you wish to arrive earlier than February 25 2009 or extend your stay please contact hotel directly

Please make your hotel bookings well in advance (preferably January 10, 2009) to avoid disappointment due to unavailability as Abuja is the capital city that host a lot of meetings all year round.

LIST OF HOTELS WITHIN 2KMS FROM CONFERENCE VENUE - CHELSEA
HOTEL

1. Agura Hotel
Festival Road
Garki District
Abuja

2. Protea Hotel*
2 Ahmadu Bello Way
Apo
Abuja.

3. Rockview Hotel
Plot 789 Cadastral Zone
Wuse 11, Abuja.

4. Transcorp Hilton*
Maitama District,
Abuja.

5. Sheraton Abuja Hotel & Towers*
Maitama District
Abuja

6. Top Rank Hotel
Gimbya Street
Area 11
Garki, Abuja

Rates per night are \$100 and below except for those with asterisks that are above \$100