

REPORT FROM CHAIR, PAMMS 2009 LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE HELD IN CHELSEA HOTEL, ABUJA – NIGERIA BETWEEN FEBRUARY 25 –27 2009.

The core members of local organizing committee were four viz:

- Ifeoma Enweani (Chair).
- Grace Ayanbimpe (Treasurer).
- Lydia Abia- Basse (Assistant Secretary) and,
- Emeka Nweze (Secretary).

Other people were consulted as the need arose due to logistic issues.

Venue and date of PAMMS 2009 Conference: In the previous and 2nd meeting of PAMMS 2009 in Cape Town, South Africa the hosting responsibility of the third conference of PAMMS (PAMMS 2009) fell on Nigeria. It was hosted by Nigeria in Chelsea Hotel, Abuja between February 25 – 27 2009.

THEME OF THE CONFERENCE & PAPERS PRESENTED:

The Theme for the Conference was ‘Update in Medical Mycology in Africa’.

Sub – Themes included:

1. Laboratory Identification of Pathogens
2. Antifungal Therapy & Prophylaxis.
3. Bioactive Compounds and Application in Medical Fungi.
4. Epidemiology & Control of Mycoses.
5. Emerging Opportunistic Fungal

There were 35 accepted oral presentations although 3 out of these could not be published due to late submission of corrected versions.

There were 8 accepted poster presentations. Unfortunately all the expected participants did not turn up for the conference because the LOC members could not afford flight tickets for them after they had requested for the tickets. Registration fees and Accommodation for all the guest speakers, Executive Council members, and all foreign delegates were waived and LOC bore the cost at \$500 per delegate. It was rather unfortunate that due to lean financial base of LOC, many delegates failed to attend the conference due to lack of adequate sponsorship especially flight tickets. This was obvious from the number of submitted abstract when compared to the actual number of delegates in attendance. For example the list below indicates the number of delegates that expressed interest but requested for more funding and could not attend:

1. Dr. Fredrick Kechia (Cameroun) .
2. Dr. Jaya Ceelen (Malaysia)
3. Dr. Scarven (South Africa)
4. Christain Chang (India)
5. A candidate from (Australia)
6. Dr. W. Katarere (South Africa)
7. Dr. K. Baba (South Africa)
8. Prof. H.C Gugnani (West Indies)

9. Prof. Abdalla Ahmed (Saudi Arabia)
10. Dr. F. Okungbowa (Nigeria)
11. Dr. Samuel Adetona (Nigeria)
12. Dr. A.C Udubani (Nigeria)
13. Miss Chioma Chukwuma (Nigeria)
14. Mrs. M.T.B Okwuosa (Nigeria)
15. Dr. N.D Nwankpa (Nigeria)
16. Mrs H.A Obiazi (Nigeria)
17. Mr. A.R Akpe (Nigeria)
18. J.P Dzoyem (Cameroun)
19. Dr. F.B. Sonyo (Nigeria)

Delegates were from South Africa, Britain, Egypt and Nigeria.

The list of participants is shown below.

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26. Prof. H.C. Gugnani, West Indies, hcgugnani@hotmail.com.
- Prof Gugnani requested Dr. Lydia Abia – Basse to present his paper for him. He sent the manuscript to the LOC.
27. Dr. Hester Vismer South Africa
28. Dr. John Rheeder South Africa
29. Prof. Peter Onwualu Raw Material Research & Development Council, Abuja. Nigeria

The posters presented by young Scientists were not many and of low quality. So, the President suggested that the two best oral presentations by young scientists should receive the Award. Two delegates received the Award.

- 1) J. B. Bako --- Prevalence of yeasts and yeast like fungi in water used for domestic purposes in Jos metropololis. ICD on Atlas of Fungi.
- 2) O. F. I Okeke --- Mycotoxins in food grains: Implications for food safety and public health in Nigeria.

The PAMMS President – Dr. Hester Vismer, presented the Award to the two recipients.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The General Meeting of the PAMMS members was conducted by Executive Council of PAMMS on February 27, 2009 at Chelsea Hotel, Abuja – Nigeria between the hours of 12 noon and 1.30pm.

Agenda

1. Opening & Introduction
2. Minutes of the previous meeting in Cape Town, South Africa

3. Additions to the Agenda
 - Inauguration of PAMMS (Nigeria Chapter)?
 - Workshops & Training
 - Publication of papers presented in PAMMS 2009.
 - PAMMS website
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Constitution of the PAMMS
6. Selection of New PAMMS Council (President, Vice President, 2 members, Secretary, Treasurer)
7. Affiliation to ISHAM
8. Communication thro email, e-newsletter, PAMMNET list server
9. Next Conference of PAMMS (2011)
10. Closing

Minutes of the previous meeting were read by Dr. Hester Vismer.

The issue of having PAMMS – Nigeria chapter was discussed. It was agreed that the body should still be under one umbrella of PAMMS as it is still a young society. It was agreed that communication to members should be via email, newsletter and pammsnet list server.

Two samples of PAMMS Logo were circulated to members. Members made input into the logo and it was accepted that the left over money from PAMMS 2007 be used to enlist professional artist to produce a Logo for PAMMS. It was advocated that Workshops and trainings should be conducted for members as part of PAMMS conferences for this will help to create awareness and ginger more interest in young African scientist.

Treasure's report was circulated. Balance as at Feb 20, 2009 for PAMMS Conference @ Cape Town is R3, 932. . It was accepted that Membership fees will be paid later to sustain the society.

The draft constitution of PAMMS was presented and discussed. Members agreed that it should be studied and amendments taken at the next conference before adoption.

It was agreed by members that the Present Executive Council of PAMMS viz:

- Hester Vismer ---- President
- Ifeoma Enweani--- Vice President
- John Rheeder ----Secretary
- Abdalla Ahmed----Member
- Alf Botha --- Member

should continue for the next 2 years as the society is still very young. The President suggested Ahmed Moharram to be the next Chairman, LOC for the next Conference and President electbut members objected to this and Ahmed Morarram accepted to be Chairman, LOC only to enable him host the next conference. Next Executive Council of PAMMS will be elected in Egypt during PAMMS 2011 meeting.

Ahmed Moharram and Mady Ishmail accepted to host the next PAMMS 2011 in Assuit, Egypt. There will be workshop and the venue will be Assuit University Mycological Center (AUMC), Assuit – Egypt. PAMMS is now affiliated to ISHAM. Chairman LOC – PAMMS 2009 used the opportunity to express the LOC's gratitude in making the conference a success and wished them journey mercies back to their homes. She also observed that the low turn out of participants hinged on non-provision of flight tickets to intended participants whose abstracts had been accepted. The members of LOC, PAMMS 2009 Abuja Nigeria wish to thank ISHAM, ECMM, CBS and all who participated in the conference. Thanks for making the conference a success.

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