



**4th Pan African Medical Mycology Society
(PAMMS) Conference
&
a workshop on medical mycology**

First Announcement

**Registration
&
Call for Abstracts**

**Assiut University Mycological Centre (AUMC)
Assiut University,
71516, Assiut,
EGYPT**

March, 5 - 9, 2011

Previous PAMMS meetings

The first 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 successful meeting and a steering committee consisting of Dr. Hester Vismer (Cape Town, South Africa), Dr. Ifeoma Enweani (Ekpoma, Nigeria) and Dr. 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) President, Ifeoma Enweani (Nnewi, Nigeria) Vice President, John Rheeder (South Africa) Secretary, Alf Botha (South Africa), Abdalla Ahmed (Saudi Arabia), and Ahmad Moharram (Egypt) as members.

The **3rd meeting** of the PAMMS was held at the National Center for Women Development (NCWD) located in the Central Business District in Abuja, 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, is still covering the costs of the Society.

Conference and workshop Announcement

It is a pleasure to invite you to attend the **4th meeting** of the PAMMS to be held at the Assiut University Conference Centre (AUCC), Administration Building, Assiut, Egypt. 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 2011, a 3-day workshop on Medical Mycology is planned. The Assiut University Mycological Centre (AUMC) is ideal for the purpose of the workshop. Several cultures of medically important moulds and yeasts will be microscopically examined during the practical sessions of the workshop. Other diagnostic criteria (biochemical, molecular or sensitivity to antifungal agents) will also be studied. Special focus will be given to fungal species commonly reported from medical cases in African countries.

General Topics:

Superficial and cutaneous mycosis - Systemic mycosis- Keratomycosis - Aspergillosis – Candidiasis – mucormycosis - Hyalohyphomycosis – Phaeohyphomycosis – Sporotrichosis - Mycetoma - Black yeasts infections – Antifungal agents - Classification and identification of medical fungi- Biodiversity, biochemistry and molecular biology of fungi - Host defense immunity - Veterinary mycosis- Others.

Accommodation:

The Assiut University Guest House will be available for accommodation for the participants.

Ahmad M. Moharram
Chairperson: 4th PAMMS 2011

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 - John Rheeder (Cape Town, South Africa)
 - El Sheikh Mahgoub (Khartoum, Sudan),
 - Abdalla Ahmed (Khartoum, Sudan),
 - Ifeoma Enweani (Nnewi, Nigeria),
 - Ensaf Abdel Mageed (Assiut, Egypt)
 - Magdy M K Bagy (Assiut, Egypt)
 - Sherif M Zaki (Cairo, Egypt)
 - Farag Abu Sheaala (Misurata, Libya)
 - Al Mahdi Sassi (Tripoli, Libya)

Deadline dates

- Early Conference Registration..... 15 November 2010
- Sponsorship Application..... 5 December 2010
(Successful candidates will be notified by 25 Dec 2010)
- Abstract Submission.....30 December 2010
- Late Registration..... 15 January 2011
- Notification of acceptance 31 January 2011

Contacts and Addresses

- All information regarding the PAMMS 2011 conference is also available at the following websites:

<http://www.cbs.knaw.nl/meetings>

<http://www.aun.edu.eg.aumc/aumc>

- **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 2010. Each delegate must use a separate registration form.

Registration fees:

| Activity | Fees LE (Egyptians) | | Fees USD (Non Egyptians) | |
|-------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| | Participant | Accompanying person | Participant | Accompanying person |
| Conference and workshop | 1200 LE | 720 LE | 1200 USD | 720 USD |
| Conference only | 700 LE | 420 LE | 700 USD | 420 USD |
| Workshop only | 700 LE | 420 LE | 700 USD | 420 USD |
| Without accommodation | 20% discount | | | |

Registration fees include:

- All Scientific Sessions,
- Welcome Reception 5th March, 2011,
- Programme and Abstract Book/Delegate list / Participation Certificate(s),
- Accommodation in the Assiut University Guest house covering meals and Tea/coffee breaks

Cancellations have to be made in writing by e-mail to the 4th PAMMS 2011 Chairperson (ahmadmhrm@yahoo.com)

PAMMS 2011- PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

| 5 March 2011 | |
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| Time | Activity |
| 08.30 – 10.00 | Registration, Loading presentations, Put posters up |
| 10.00 – 10.30 | Welcome Reception |
| 10.30 – 11.30 | SESSION 1 Chairpersons: Abdel Aal Moubasher and Sybren de Hoog |
| 11.30 – 12.00 | Tea/Coffee Break |
| 12.00 – 14.00 | SESSION 2 Chairpersons: Hester F Vismer and John Rheeder |
| 14.00 – 16.00 | Lunch Break, Poster Viewing |
| 16.00 – 18.00 | SESSION 3 Chairpersons: Jacques Meis and Alaa A Moubasher |
| 18.30 – 18.30 | Tea/Coffee Break |
| 18.30 – 20.00 | SESSION 4 Chairpersons: Harish Gugnani and Abbey S |
| 6 March 2011 | |
| 08.00 – 08.30 | Registration, Loading presentations |
| 08.30 – 10.30 | SESSION 5 Chairpersons: Alf Botha and Dennis Agbonlahor |
| 10.30 – 11.00 | Tea/Coffee Break |
| 11.00 – 13.30 | SESSION 6 Chairpersons: Abdalla Ahmed and Ahmad Moharram |
| 13.00 – 15.00 | Lunch Break, Poster Viewing |
| 15.00 – 16.00 | PAMMS GENERAL MEETING |
| 16.00 – 18.00 | SESSION 7 Chairpersons: Mady A Ismail and Ifeoma Enweani |
| 18.30 – 18.30 | Tea/Coffee Break |
| 18.30 – 20.00 | SESSION 8 Chairpersons: Abia-Bassey L. and Abbey S |
| 7-9 March 2011 | |
| | Workshop on Medical Mycology *Details Later |

Call for Papers / Posters

- Interest in presenting papers or posters should please be indicated on the enclosed interest form.
- Abstract deadline date: December, 30, 2010
- The official language of the conference will be English. If a paper/poster is accepted, the abstract will be published as received. The conference Scientific Committee have no responsibility for errors in the content.
- Abstracts should be submitted following the instructions below.
- The Organizing 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 January, 31, 2011. 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.
- A prize will be awarded for the best poster and /or oral presentation for presenters younger than 35yrs.

INSTRUCTIONS 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 font 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.
- Next line – type affiliation(s) and full address(es) in italics. Match authors and their affiliations with the same superscript number. Give presenting author's email at the end of the address line as 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.
- Name your file as follows: Surname 4th PAMMS 2011.doc and send it via Fax or Email as an attached MS file to the conference chairperson: ahmadmhrm@yahoo.com
- If you want to submit more than one abstract, please submit a separate file, following the instructions above.

EXAMPLE ABSTRACT – 4th PAMMS 2011

Oral presentation

ENZYMES AND TOXINS FROM BACTERIA AND FUNGI OF KERATITIS ORIGIN AND THE FUNGAL SENSITIVITY TO SOME THERAPEUTIC AGENTS

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Sixty two isolates of bacteria (37) and fungi (25) cultured from human corneal ulcers were tested for their capabilities to produce extracellular enzymes. Fungal isolates were also tested for their toxinogenic ability and their sensitivity to some antifungal therapeutic agents. All bacterial isolates were able to produce catalase whereas 67.6% and 59.4% respectively produced phosphatase and hemolysins. Only 48.7%, 43.2% and 37.8% of bacterial isolates were able to produce protease, urease and lipase respectively. Similarly, most fungal isolates produced the tested extracellular enzymes but with different capabilities. Hemolysins were only detected in 28% of the fungal isolates. Mycotoxins were detected in cultures of 13 out of the 25 fungal isolates. Using thin layer chromatography it was possible to detect Aflatoxins B₁, B₂, G₁ and G₂ (produced by *Aspergillus flavus* and *A. terreus*), Sterigmatocystins (by *A. fumigates* and *Penicillium chrysogenum*), Fumagillin (by *A. terreus*), diacetoxyscirpenol (by *Fusarium oxysporum*, *F. solani*), zearalenone (by *F. solani*), T-2 toxin (by *F. verticillioides*) and trichodermin (by *Trichoderma hamatum*). In vitro sensitivity test showed that terbinafine was the most active antifungal agent followed by ketoconazole, citrimide and amphotericin-B.up to a maximum of 330 words.

Letter of acceptance of abstracts

A letter of acceptance for submitted abstracts will be sent to you before 31 January 2011. Your abstract will only be included in the final documentation once your payment has been received.

Poster Sizes: 80 x 120 cm

PAMMS 2011 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Limited financial assistance will be 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 2011.

Sponsorship application forms need to be completed and sent via email to the PAMMS 2011 conference chairperson by December 5, 2010. Candidates will be notified if they are successful by December 25, 2010. 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 Cairo. Connecting flights from Cairo to Assiut are available.

Local transport: Taxi and buses are available from Cairo airport to Cairo or Giza Train Station. Air-conditioned Trains are available from Cairo or Giza train station to Assiut.

Weather in March: Assiut is known to have dry weather. The temperature is often around 25°C. However the conference venue is air conditioned.

Visa: You are responsible to obtain your own visa to Egypt. 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 Egyptian pounds (Notes: 200, 100, 50, 20, 10, 5, 1, 0.50, 0.25 pounds are currently used). Foreign exchange facilities can be found at the airport, Bureaus of change and Banks. Most banks are opened from 09.00 and close at 14.00 during weekdays except on Fridays and Saturdays.

Shopping: Most shops open between 10.00 and 22.00

Electricity: Electricity systems are 220volts. Plugs have 2 square pins. It is essential to have adaptors for some foreign appliances.