

ZACB Congresses

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Call for Abstracts for 4th Congress of AFCC MedLab Victoria 2015, ZIMBABWE

AFCC invites colleagues from Africa and from all over the world to present their experiences, researches and projects at the 4th AFCC Congress in April 2015 in Harare, Zimbabwe. Participants wishing to submit abstracts can do so only in electronic format by sending a MS Word document with their abstract by e-mail to:
4th AFCC CONGRESS MANAGEMENT at congress.zacb@gmail.com.

The authors will receive an official confirmation within 3-5 days after submitting their abstract. If authors do not get an official confirmation within 5 days, please send the abstract again to **Kudzai Mutsaka** at kmutsaka@gmail.com or to **Alfred Makura** at makuraalfred78@gmail.com

Deadline for submitting abstracts: 28 February 2015

Congress Themes for Oral presentation .

1. Clinical Chemistry of Infectious Diseases and Nanotechnology and Laboratory Medicine
2. Cancer and Cytomics Research.
3. Clinical Laboratory Quality Management
4. Point Of Care Testing (POCT) in Africa
5. PCR, Tocophoresis , Technological Advances in Laboratory Medicine.
6. P4 (Personalised , Predictive, Preventative and Participatory) Medicine in AFCC.
7. Recent Advances to Kidney Disease in Africa.
8. Advances in Automation in Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine in AFCC.
9. Genomics and Metabolic Medicine and Emerging biomarkers.

Any topic in Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine can be presented on a poster.

General Information on Abstract

Submission

Participants are invited to submit original scientific abstracts for oral or poster presentation.

Authors have to conform to the following guidelines for abstract submission. **Those not conforming to the guidelines will not be considered for reviewing.**

- Abstracts must be submitted in English and must be presented in English.
- Abstracts will be reviewed by a panel of experts and may be selected for oral or poster presentations, or may be rejected.
- Notification of acceptance (for oral or poster presentation) or rejection by the AFCC
- Detailed information, guidelines and recommendations for oral or poster presentation, as well as day, time and room will be sent in due time to duly registered presenting authors.
- Accepted abstracts will be published in official journals of the ZACB, AFCC and IFCC.

- The abstract must not be more than 500 words long or must not fill more than one A4 page, using type in 12-point font.
- A brief title, which clearly states the nature of the investigation, with the entire title in capital letters
- Abbreviations should, if possible, be avoided in the title, but may be used in the text if they are defined on the first usage
- The authors' names (full first name, surname) and the institution (hospital, university, organization, city and country, e-mail and fax number) where the research was carried out, with the name of the presenting author underlined.
- Use single line spacing
- Include tables if necessary
- The abstract should be as informative as possible
- The abstract should have a logical, scientific structure (introduction, mains & objectives, method, results, conclusion, summary, references, learning outcomes for audience)**
- Statements such as “results will be discussed “or “data /information will be presented” cannot be accepted
- Please ensure that your abstracts do not contain any spelling, grammar or scientific errors, as it will be reproduced exactly as submitted
- The abstract should have a **clinical laboratory medicine relevant content** and should **add to existing knowledge**.
- The abstract should have a minimum of **2 relevant References**
- The abstract should state **2 things the delegates could learn** from your presentation

Three workshops will be offered : Bioinformatics “ Hands On”, QA,QC & Laboratory Management and Scientific Writing.

Register now for the 4th Congress of AFCC MedLab Victoria in Zimbabwe.
EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE -31 MARCH 2015

ORGANISATION	EARLY REGISTRATION PRICE	LATE REGISTRATION PRICE
AFCC	USD 150	USD 200
NON-AFCC	USD 180	USD 230
OUTSIDE AFRICA	USD 200	USD 250

NOTE:Registration for workshops will be at USD 60 per day.

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How to prepare a well-written abstract

You can use the template to complete all sections

Scientific Abstract Template (limit: 500 words or one A4 page) - Please complete ALL Sections	Explanatory Notes When completed, and before submission – delete this column
Title	10 – 12 words that capture the relevance and essence of the research
Introduction / Background	<input type="checkbox"/> What has been investigated <input type="checkbox"/> Why is the research important. <input type="checkbox"/> Context of the study - has something similar already been done and how the presented work differs
Aims / Objectives	<input type="checkbox"/> The purpose of the RESEARCH / project– <i>not of the abstract!</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Providing a brief synopsis <input type="checkbox"/> Hypothesis, question or concept underpinning the research.
(Research) Methods * Please indicate which methodology you have used and delete non- applicable methods: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Randomized Controlled Trial (Intervention) <input type="checkbox"/> Meta-Analysis <input type="checkbox"/> Systematic Review <input type="checkbox"/> Cohort Study (Prediction) <input type="checkbox"/> Qualitative Research Studies (Exploration) <input type="checkbox"/> Service / Program Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Audit <input type="checkbox"/> Case Report <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <i>state which</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/> Should describe HOW the AIMS of the research were achieved. <input type="checkbox"/> What the research/project involved - for example: * Short description of the study design * Underpinning theoretical or conceptual frameworks, * Sampling technique(s) used, e.g. qualitative or quantitative, * Retrospective or prospective * Method of data collection: e.g. review, surveys, focus groups, patient cohorts etc. * Sample size, criteria for selection and exclusion, * Randomised or non-randomised. * Type / method(s) of data analysis (tests) * Statistical or interpretative analysis software programs used (GENERIC name of the software) * If applicable: state if <i>Ethics Approval</i> was obtained.
Findings / Results	What the research discovered <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Synopsis of the findings of the study, using key data to demonstrate the outcomes. <input type="checkbox"/> Avoid simply citing data, particularly in quantitative studies. <input type="checkbox"/> State statistical significance (quantitative studies) <input type="checkbox"/> Synthesis of the data and how it answers your research question. NEVER submit an abstract without results,
Summary and Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Provide a short explanation of HOW the findings relate to the <i>AIMS</i>, <input type="checkbox"/> present EVIDENCE of the findings from your <i>METHODS</i> (to support the implications of your study = conclusions) <input type="checkbox"/> Critically define any weaknesses / strengths identified in your data
Conclusion	What the research implies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> IMPLICATIONS of the findings and <input type="checkbox"/> how they ADD to the existing knowledge
Learning Outcomes + Relevance to Clinical Practice	Relevance to Clinical Laboratory and how the findings can be used/applied in Clinical Practice

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