



and The Network of African Science Academies

The first conference in this series will focus on various topics around infectious diseases, paying particular attention to tuberculosis, malaria and more neglected diseases such as Buruli ulcer, leishmaniasis, schistosomiasis and filariasis, along with emerging viral diseases.

The conference will concentrate on basic sciences in order to promote research and cooperation in an area that is generally regarded as of minor importance and therefore does not attract adequate funding in developing countries. Extensive public interest on HIV/AIDS has resulted in diversion of attention to other infectious diseases, even though they still remain a key concern in all countries. In a globalised world almost every issue that concerns Africa affects the developed world, and vice versa.

This meeting will focus on the basic mechanisms underlying infectious diseases and explore how they may be applied to drug development and other intervention strategies.

The conference will highlight excellence in European and African research in an 'open forum format' of plenary discussions and lively interactions both inside and outside the conference room. It is anticipated that this format will help both formal and informal knowledge exchange between leading scientists and young researchers to create new synergies resulting in intercontinental research projects and joint funding applications.

Scientists from academia and industry worldwide are invited to apply to attend this conference. Selection will be based on academic merit, with the objective of achieving a balance between African and European participants and with a special focus on young researchers.

In order to enable the largest possible number of scientists to attend, a number of travel and conference grants will be made available.

RESEARCH CONFERENCES

Europe-Africa Frontier Research Conference

Infectious Diseases: From Basic To Translational Research

NH The Lord Charles Hotel, Cape Town • South Africa

4-9 April 2009



Chairs: Monique Capron, Institute Pasteur de Lille, FR;
M. Iqbal Parker, International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology, ZA

Invited Speakers will include

Morris Agaba, ILRI, Nairobi, KE
Pedro Alonso, Centre de Recerca en Salut Internacional de Barcelona, ES
Jennie Blackwell, Cambridge U., UK
Stewart Cole, Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne, CH
Mawlouth Diallo, Institut Pasteur de Dakar, SN
Christian Doerig, U. of Glasgow, UK
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David Dunne, Cambridge U., UK
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Antoine Flahault, INSERM UMR S 707, FR
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Eileen Hoal van Helden, Stellenbosch U., ZA
Bouke de Jong, The Medical Research Council, GM
Fotis Kafatos, Imperial College London, UK
Stefan Kaufmann, Max Planck Institute for Infection Biology, DE
Eric Leroy, Institut de recherche pour le développement, FR
Valérie Mizrahi, U. of the Witwatersrand, ZA
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