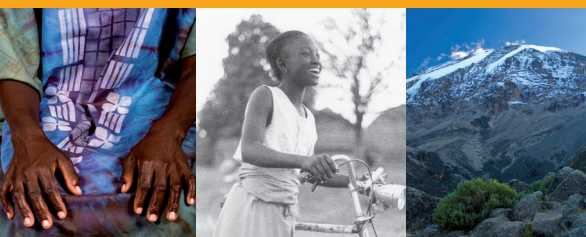




The Organising Committee for the African Organisation for Research and Training in Cancer (AORTIC) conference in 2009 invites you to participate in the Scientific Programme by submitting abstracts for oral and poster presentations.

The target audience for AORTIC's Seventh International Cancer Conference is anyone interested in the cancer burden in Africa, including physicians, nurses, social workers, researchers, and representatives of various NGOs and international businesses. Abstracts should therefore be relevant to health care and social issues specific to cancer and cancer control in Africa.

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS



CONFERENCE THEME

The theme of AORTIC 2009 is **Cancer in Africa - the New Reality** and will focus on all aspects of cancer care and management from prevention to early diagnoses to treatment and palliation. It will be held in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, 11 – 14 November 2009.

AORTIC is committed to making cancer control a priority in the health care agendas of African countries. The scientific programme will promote and facilitate an international exchange of research and practical information among practitioners working in cancer care, in Africa and around the world.

CONFERENCE FORMAT

The AORTIC 2009 programme comprises a mix of Plenary, Workshop, Symposia and Poster sessions. An accepted abstract will be presented either as an oral presentation or as a poster. While efforts will be made to accommodate author preference in presentation type (oral or poster), the final decision will rest with the Scientific Programme Committee. All accepted abstracts will also be published in the conference handbook and will be available on the conference website.

DEADLINES

20 March 2009: Abstract submissions required

15 May 2009: Successful authors notified

ABSTRACT SPECIFICATIONS

- Abstracts must adequately describe the research performed to allow reviewers to evaluate the quality, originality and thoroughness of the work.
- Abstracts must contain four sections:
 - a. **OBJECTIVE:** introductory sentence indicating the objective and purpose of the study.
 - b. **METHODS:** description of experimental procedures, including applicable statistical evaluation.
 - c. **RESULTS:** summary of the data and results.
 - d. **CONCLUSIONS:** statement of the study's conclusions.
- Abstract title should be typed in **bold upper/lower case**. The title should define the topic and contain no abbreviations.
- In the body of the abstract, standard abbreviations need not be defined; other abbreviations and acronyms should be defined on first use.
- Generic names for pharmaceuticals, biologics and medical devices should be used in place of trade names. Trade names should only be used if equivalent products from multiple manufacturers are being compared.
- Capitalise all trade names.
- Italicise scientific names.
- Overly commercial abstracts will not be accepted.
- Do not include graphics or photographs; tables are acceptable.
- All text should be 10 point Arial.
- Maximum word count for the body of the abstract is 250 words.
- Submissions may have up to six authors. Lead author's name should appear first.
- Include contact information of the lead author including email address, telephone and fax.
- List the institutional and professional affiliations of all authors.

SUCCESSFUL AUTHORS

- Authors chosen for an oral presentation will have 8 minutes for presentation followed by 2 minutes for discussion. Authors chosen for a poster session will be given a full day to display their poster.

HOW DO I SUBMIT MY ABSTRACT?

- Prepare your abstract to the above specifications in a Word document.
- Send the Word document as an email attachment to the Conference Secretariat (info@aortic2009.org).
- Please do not submit PDFs.
- Acceptance/rejection notices will be emailed to the submitting author only, beginning 15 May 2009. If you have not received notification by 29 May 2009, contact the Conference Secretariat.

Please visit the website for more information about the conference, www.aortic2009.org, or contact the Conference Secretariat with your questions:

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