

### **AORTIC 2015**

10th International Conference on Cancer in Africa Marrakech, Morocco 18 - 22 NOVEMBER 2015

In collaboration with the Lalla Salma Foundation for Cancer Prevention & Treatment

ROADMAP TO CANCER CONTROL IN AFRICA
LA FEUILLE DE ROUTE VERS LE CONTROLE DU CANCER EN AFRIQUE



The African Organisation for Research and Training in Cancer is pleased to announce its 10<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Cancer in Africa. It will take place in Marrakech, Morocco from 18 - 22 November 2015 at the Palais des Congrès de Marrakech. **www.aorticconference.org** 

#### INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE

Dear Colleagues,

It gives us great pleasure to invite you to AORTIC's 10<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Cancer in Africa entitled "Roadmap to Cancer Control in Africa". Held every two years, the AORTIC conferences provide a unique platform to bring together leading African and international health care professionals in cancer care, advocates, leaders in Government, and various members of the international health industry and global cancer community to meet and discuss cancer-related matters and proffer solutions to significantly reduce the impact of cancer in Africa and indeed around the world.

To make a difference, AORTIC invites you, as a committed member of the international cancer control community, to contribute to and listen to world-renowned speakers, to network with colleagues and professionals from all over the world, and to be exposed to the latest research findings in the cancer arena.

Set in the vibrant, cosmopolitan city of Marrakech, Morocco, the conference aims to build on the solid scientific foundations established through previous AORTIC conferences and will offer a scientific programme covering a diverse range of topics related to cancer control in Africa. Our aim is to equip attendees with diverse tools that can be implemented in resourceful ways.

Do register for AORTIC 2015. Our carefully packaged programme offers you a unique opportunity to change the trajectory of cancer in Africa and the rest of the world. We look forward to welcoming you to Marrakech, Morocco in November 2015.

Professor Ahmed Elzawawy AORTIC PRESIDENT

### **KEY DATES**

#### 10 February 2015

Call for Abstracts opens (Early Bird Discount available until 6 August 2015)

#### 8 May 2015

Call for Abstracts deadline

#### July 2015

Successful authors notified

# AORTIC 2015 PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS

#### Varied session formats

- "Meet the Experts" Breakfast Sessions
- Interactive Workshops
- Industry Symposia
- Plenary Sessions
- Free Communication of Abstracts
- Posters

#### Topics to be discussed include

- Cancer Registration
- Cancer Biology
- Chemotherapy
- Economics of Cancer Control
- Epidemiology
- Genetics
- Grant Writing
- HIV-AIDS-Related Cancers
- National Cancer Control Plans
- Novel Therapies
- Oncology Nursing
- Pain Management
- Palliative Care
- Pathology
- Psycho-Oncology
- Radiation
- Site-Specific Cancers

#### **ABOUT MARRAKECH**

One of Morocco's most important cultural centres, Marrakech's ochre-coloured ramparts stand out against a permanently blue sky and the snowy Atlas Mountains. Discover an extraordinary world where there is plenty to see, including palaces, souks (markets), museums and gardens.

#### TRAVELLING THERE

The city's principal airport is the Marrakech-Menara International Airport (RAK). Flights come here from all over Europe, but the main entry point for Morocco is Casablanca's Mohammed V International Airport (CMN). It's only a three hour flight from London and a six hour flight from New York.

#### VENUE AND ACCOMMODATION

The conference venue, Palais des Congrès de Marrkech, is an incredible, prestigious building with world class, comfortable facilities. There are fantastic hotels in Marrakech that are within walking distance of the conference venue, as well as numerous, stunning riads (boutique hotels in old palace-style houses) with interior courtyards.

#### CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The AORTIC 2015 Scientific Programme Committee invites contributions to the programme in the form of abstracts for oral or poster presentations. Abstracts must be submitted between 10 February and 8 May 2015 for consideration

For more information on the Call for Abstracts, please see the conference website: **www.aorticconference.org** 

# ABOUT THE AFRICAN ORGANISATION FOR RESEARCH AND TRAINING IN CANCER (AORTIC)

#### "Striving towards a cancer-free Africa"

AORTIC is a pan-African, bilingual, multi-disciplinary organisation dedicated to the promotion of cancer care and control in Africa.

Our key objectives are to further research relating to cancers prevalent in Africa and to facilitate and support training initiatives in oncology for health care workers. Our research and training cover a diverse array of issues related to cancer control in Africa such as National Cancer Control Programmes; establishing, advocating and training for Cancer Registration across the continent; and strengthening health care delivery systems, in line with African Union policy.

One way in which AORTIC achieves these goals is by hosting biennial cancer conferences in various African countries so as to raise awareness about cancer and create an impact in those regions. In 2013, AORTIC held the Ninth International Conference on Cancer in Africa in Durban, South Africa, with the vast majority of participants from 31 of the 54 African countries in attendance. Other participants and speakers came from 39 non-African countries. These conferences have become the definitive event on the African health calendar, enabling the exchange of ideas and the opportunity to meet oncology leaders from all over the world.

This time in North Africa, AORTIC looks forward to hosting AORTIC 2015 in Marrakech, Morocco, with the theme "Roadmap to Cancer Control in Africa".

For more information about AORTIC or to become a member please visit: **www.aortic-africa.org** or email **info@aortic-africa.org**.



# AORTIC 2015 LOCAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE

Professor Maria Bennani (Chair)

Dr Rhinzlane Belbaraka

Dr Youssef Bensouda

Dr Saber Boutayeb

Dr Ahmed Harif

Dr Mouna Kouchani

Ms Belmira Rodrigues (ex officio member)



#### **REGISTRATION**

Registration is now open, and delegates can start register online with a credit card or request an invoice. There are two categories for fees – those that apply to citizens of African and World Bank-designated Lower and Lower Middle Income Countries the Rest of the World. A discount is offered to all AORTIC members and a further early registration discount on all fees is offered until 6 August 2015 – so plan ahead to register before then to save!

Full details on the registration fees can be viewed on the website:

www.aorticonference.org

#### **REGISTRATION DATES**

Registration opens

10 February 2015

Early rates valid

10 February - 6 August 2015

Standard rates valid

7 August – 5 November 2015

Late / onsite rates valid from

6 November 2015

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