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.

**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.

**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.

**DEADLINES**

- 20 March 2009: Abstract submissions required
- 15 May 2009: Successful authors notified

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