



6th MIM Pan-African Malaria Conference

MOVING TOWARDS MALARIA ELIMINATION: INVESTING IN RESEARCH AND CONTROL

6-11 October 2013, Durban, South Africa



With just over two months to go before the start of the 6th MIM conference, preparations are moving ahead full tilt. Final symposium acceptance notifications have been sent out with the abstract review process almost complete. On the social front, the eThekweni Municipality have come on board as sponsors of the welcome cocktail function on Sunday the 6th while an Afro-fusion jazz band has been booked for the gala dinner on Wednesday the 9th October 2013. We look forward to an enriching scientific and social experience!

Important Conference Dates

Early Registration Closes	11 August 2013	Call for Symposia Schedules	30 July 2013
Late Registration Opens	12 August 2013	Symposia Schedule Deadline	15 August 2013

Plenary Speakers

Confirmed plenary speakers include:



Dr O Ogundahunsi
TDR



Dr R Newman
WHO



Prof A Magill
Gates Fdn



Prof H Ranson
LSTM



Prof K Kirk
ANU

MESA's presence at the 6th MIM Conference

The Malaria Eradication Scientific Alliance (MESA) is sponsoring two symposia at the conference namely: 'Innovations in Malaria Eradication Research in Africa' in collaboration with MACEPA and 'Science of Eradication: Global Lessons'. In addition as part of the International Scientific Committee, MESA is supporting the MIM Scientific Committee with the organisation of short talks and poster sessions focusing on research for malaria elimination.

Highlighting Partners and Sponsors

This week Novartis, a proud sponsor of the conference, is given the spotlight.



Discovering and developing innovative medicines lies at the heart of the Novartis business. Innovation also underpins our approach to fighting malaria. The Novartis Malaria Initiative is one of the largest access-to-medicine programs in the healthcare industry and has been supporting patients in Africa for more than a decade. The initiative focuses on improving access to treatment, helping communities deliver better healthcare and investing in research and development. Since 2001, in collaboration with a range of public and private stakeholders, the initiative has delivered more than 600 million treatments without profit across Africa. In the last two years, Novartis and its partners have discovered two new classes of antimalarial compounds and have been honoured by several groups, including the United Nation's Innovation Working Group, for their work on "SMS for Life," a tracking system that has helped to improve access to treatment in rural Africa. Novartis is always looking for innovative ways to help improve access to medicines in Africa. As a premier sponsor of the Malaria No More *Power of One* campaign, we aim to help accelerate progress toward the goal of ending malaria deaths.

Joining forces against malaria www.malaria.novartis.com

For more information about the conference, visit the website at <http://mim2013.mrc.ac.za>

For queries related to registration, submissions or applications please contact Merlin Osborne at merlin.osborne@mrc.ac.za

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