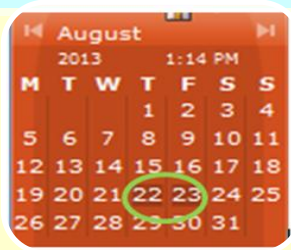


First Scientific Congress of the College of Ophthalmology of East Central and Southern Africa (COECSA)

First Invitation & Call for Abstracts



Venue: Kigali
Rwanda



Congress Dates
22nd to 23rd
August 2013



Abstract
Submission by
30th April 2013

22 – 23 August 2013
Kigali Rwanda

Dear Friends and Colleagues

You are warmly invited to attend the First Scientific Congress of the College of Ophthalmology of East Central and Southern Africa (COECSA) which will be held in Kigali from 22 to 23 August 2013.

Kigali is the capital city of Rwanda and also the country's vibrant commercial centre. It is a city that has not just survived, but has prevailed and has grown into a modern metropolis- a heart of the emerging Rwandan economy and the pride of every Rwandan. The latest Gallup Poll (Global States of Mind: New Metrics for World Leaders report) shows that Rwanda is the safest country to live in Africa. Kigali is blessed with a year round moderate climate and is particularly beautiful at night as the lights glimmer over a few of the country's "one thousand hills". We will soon send you a full list of hotels where you can stay at very competitive rates.

We have assembled a great faculty, organised a convenient venue, a large trade exhibition and fun social functions planned. There will be a full programme for Ophthalmologists and concurrent programmes for our Allied Health Professionals. The conference theme is **Eye Health: Innovation, Delivery and Impact** and we welcome members to examine the cutting-edge issues affecting eye health in our region.

So block out your diaries and book your tickets! We are looking forward to meeting you in Kigali in August at what promises to be a most stimulating and enjoyable event!

Kind regards

Dr John Nkurikiye
Chairman, Rwanda Ophthalmic Society
Host of COECSA 2013

SPEAKER AND POSTER ABSTRACT SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

COECSA 2013 Organizing Committee would like to invite speakers to submit their research for inclusion in the COECSA 2013 scientific program.

Thematic Area

Please indicate which one of the following areas related to the conference theme your abstract falls under.

1. Innovative Approaches and Technologies for Eye Health
2. Education and Capacity Building in Eye Health;
3. Eye Disease: Achievements, Outcomes, Metrics;
4. Enabling Systems for Effective Eye Health Programs

Special Benefits

We are pleased to inform you that all accepted abstracts will be published in the East African Journal of Ophthalmology. Awards will be given for the best presentations in various categories. Accepted abstracts will also be included in the conference proceedings to be distributed at the conference.

Peer Review

All abstracts are subjected to peer review and are expected to meet standards of academic/scientific excellence. Submissions will be considered by an expert panel for inclusion and if not, they will be rejected right away by peer reviewers, whose identities will remain anonymous to the speakers.

Abstract Submission Details

We warmly invite you to submit your abstract for the 1st COECSA Scientific Conference before the **18th April 2013**. Please submit your abstract electronically, using MS Word to riio@email.com with the subject line <Your Name COECSA 2013 Abstract>. It is **YOUR** responsibility to ensure that the organisers have received your abstract(s).

Authors will be informed of the acceptance of their abstracts by **18 May 2013**.

Terms & Submission

COECSA 2013 Scientific Committee assumes that for all presentations, the submitting speaker has been approved by all other co-authors.

Modes of Presentation

- A) Oral presentation
- B) Poster presentation

Correspondence

Please provide the following with your abstract:

Presenting author's full mailing address, Affiliation details and/or office phone number

Name(s) of presenting author and co-authors: first name(s) or initials of first name(s), family name (e.g. C. Kabila or Charles Kabila).

Format of abstracts

All abstracts and subsequent presentations must be exclusively in English (including the title, abstract text, author names, and affiliations).

Please submit an informative, structured abstracts of no more than 400 words. Abstracts should be structured into the following sections:

THEME AREA:

MODE OF PRESENTATION: Indicate poster or oral

INTRODUCTION OR AIM (no more than 20 words): Only the purpose should be included. Please write the aim as the form of "To investigate/study/...;

MATERIALS AND METHODS (no more than 120 words);

RESULTS (no more than 234 words);

CONCLUSION (no more than 26 words).

Those accepted for poster presentation will receive guidelines on poster formatting together with the acceptance letter.

We look forward to receiving a wide range of stimulating abstracts.

