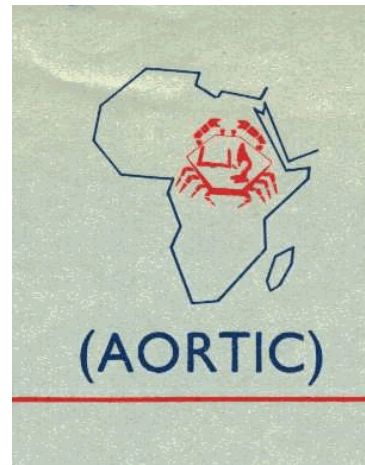


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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

IVth International Conference
On Cancer in Africa,
October 6-10 2003, Accra, Ghana

Theme: "Cancer in Africa:
Meeting the Challenges of the 21st Century"
(Please, see Draft Agenda below)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

AORTIC Meets at AACR:

Date: Monday April 7, 2003

Time: 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Place: Crowne Plaza, Toronto Centre Hotel, in the Caledon Room.
<http://www.torontocentre.crowneplaza.com/>

AORTIC Meets at ASCO

Date: Sunday, June 1, 2003

Time: 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Place: Hilton Chicago, (meeting room to be announced)

DRAFT AGENDA FOR THE
IVth International Conference
On Cancer in Africa,
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Opening Ceremony

Monday, October 6, 2003

Introductory Remarks and Recognitions:

Address by representative of the Government of Ghana

Address by the Vice Chancellor, University of Ghana

Addresses by representatives of two international organizations

Keynote Address:

Address by WHO representative.

Conference Format and Charge to Conference Participants:

Workshop 1

Monday October 6, 2003-03

Title: Cancer Epidemiology

Epidemiology of Cancer in Africa

Burkitt's and Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma

Hepatocellular carcinoma

Cervical Cancer

AIDS Associated Cancers

Breakup Session Workshop 1

Monday October 6, 2003

Workshop 2

Tuesday, October 7, 2003

Title: Cancer Education

Cancer Registries

Ethical Issues and Clinical Research in developing countries.

Cancer Genetics

Internet-based Communication.

Breakup Session on Workshop 2

Tuesday, October 7, 2003

Workshop 3

Tuesday, October 7, 2003

Title: The Basic Science, Translational Research and Practice of Cancer Control

Clinical Research and management of early-stage breast cancer: the challenge of the disease in women of African descent.

Cost and cost-effectiveness of cancer management.

The role of Basic and Translational Research in cancer control.

Prospects of clinical research in Africa.

Breakup Sessions on Workshop 3

Workshop 4

Wednesday, October 8, 2003

Title: Palliative Care of Cancer

Psychosocial issues in cancer management.

Pain control.

Palliative and End-of-Life Care in the African Setting.

Palliative radiotherapy in Africa.

The challenge of management of prostate cancer in men of African descent.

Breakup Session on Workshop 4

Workshop 5

Wednesday, October 8, 2003

Title: Activities of the African Organisation for Research and Training in Cancer

What cancer care provider in Africa want:

A review of an AORTIC organised questionnaire survey of priorities in cancer control in Africa.

AORTIC Clinical Research Program: 1985 -1990.

AORTIC and International Organisations.

The AORTIC Draft Constitution.

Breakup Session on Workshop 5

(Including a study of the draft AORTIC Constitution)

Rapporteur Session

Thursday, October 9, 2003

8.00 am - 10.30 am

Report on Cancer Epidemiology

Report on Cancer Education

Report on AORTIC activities

Report on Palliative care of cancer

Report on Basic/Translational Research and cancer control.

Consensus and Recommendations Sessions

Thursday, October 9, 2003

AORTIC 5-10 year Plan

Thursday, October 9, 2003

AORTIC Elections and Selection of AORTIC Africa Headquarters

Last Day Session

Friday, October 10, 2003

A vision of AORTIC and Cancer Control in Africa.

Changing the prognosis of cancer in Africa.

Closing Ceremonies

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RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

AORTIC continues with its fundraising activities both for its development, as well as for the IVth International Conference on Cancer in Africa. We would like your assistance and financial support.

We would appreciate any in-kind donation or service that you or your organization can contribute to make this conference a success.

Please indicate what level of support you would like to contribute. On behalf of AORTIC, I would like to thank you for your help.

We request that you consider one or more of the following levels of support:

Donations up to \$1,000.00 as a friend of AORTIC

Donations up to \$5,000.00 as a supporter of AORTIC

Donations up to \$10,000.00 as a patron of AORTIC

Donations of \$10,000.00 or more as a member of the Chairman's Council of AORTIC

Donations of \$50,000.00 or more as a major sponsor of AORTIC

All cheques should be in US Dollars, drawn on a US bank and made payable to the African Organisation for Research and Training in Cancer (AORTIC) Inc. and forwarded to: African Organisation for Research and Training in Cancer C/o Dr. C.K.O. Williams, Nanaimo Cancer Clinic, 1200 Dufferin Crescent, Nanaimo, B.C., V9S 2B7, CANADA

Also AORTIC will hold a meeting in Chicago in conjunction with ASCO's 39th Annual General Meeting. AORTIC will hold its meeting on Sunday, June 1st 2003 at 6:00 p.m. The venue of the meeting is to be announced.

Membership

Membership Fees are now due and payable. Membership fees are payable as follows:

For persons in developed countries of North America (USA and Canada), Western Europe, and Asia (Japan), the membership fee is \$75.00 U.S. For all other countries, the fee is \$25.00 U.S. Membership fee is \$25.00 U.S. for trainees from developing countries studying or training in developed countries.

We appreciate your valued support. Please make your cheque payable to AORTIC and forward same to:

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Who can join AORTIC

1. Membership of AORTIC is open to all, regardless of race, ethnicity or nationality.

Physicians, clinical research scientists, basic research scientists, nurses, social workers, psychologists, social scientists, epidemiologists, dentists and oral surgeons, pharmacists, laboratory technologists and other professionals at the Master's or Doctoral level as well as those individuals with professional equivalence who have been actively engaged in the research or clinical aspects of cancer.

3. Those in training to become physicians, basic scientists, epidemiologists, psychologists, nurses, social workers and social scientists.

Individuals recognized for their distinguished contribution to some aspect of oncology as it pertains to Africa or to another specialized field relating to oncology are eligible for nomination to honorary membership and can be nominated by any member.

5. Organizations at local and national levels, which have aims similar to those of AORTIC, or which support the aims of organizational members

6. Arranging, sponsoring or participating in periodic lectures by distinguished scholars in oncology.

7. Collaborating with existing organizations interested in neoplastic diseases in order to establish or assist in the setting up of journals and publication of monographs and books in oncology.

8. Advising international and regional agencies about issues related to the challenge of cancer care and research in Africa.

9. Encouraging and stimulating the formation of local, regional, national and international chapters, which further the goals of the organization.

10. Recognizing exceptional contributions to the field of cancer control in Africa through Distinguished Service or other awards.

Advantages of Joining AORTIC

The benefit of joining AORTIC could include the opportunity of:

Developing an Africa-based organization dedicated to providing coherent advice, counsel and co-coordinating research planning that relates to prevention, early detection and cure of cancer.

2. Developing and funding of training programs in oncology in member institutions or elsewhere.

3. Organizing symposia, workshops, meetings and conferences in keeping with the organization's objectives.
4. Assisting in the formulation of cancer research programs that are relevant in Africa.
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