

The 4th AFCC LABMED Victoria Congress 2015 To Be Held in Harare

Zimbabwe

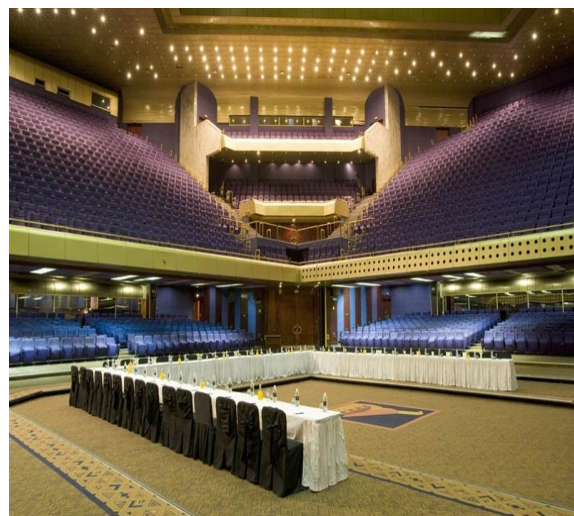


The mighty majestic Victoria Falls



The beauty of Harare

The Zimbabwe Association of Clinical Biochemistry and Laboratory Medicine (ZACB) is ready and greatly honoured to host the historic 4th African Federation of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine Congress at the Rainbow Towers, the Harare International Conference Centre in Harare from 25-30th April 2015. Harare is the capital city of Zimbabwe known as the “Sunshine City” of highly educated, skilled, peaceful and welcoming 1.5 million inhabitants. It is a cosmopolitan city with 5 universities, the oldest being the University of Zimbabwe celebrating 60 years of its existence and the growth of Clinical Laboratory Medicine this year.



The Rainbow Towers: Harare International Conference Centre

The 4th AFCC Congress theme is “Integrating Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine in Evidence Based P4 Medicine. It will have a scientific programme with 3 workshops and the main congress from 25th to 30th April 2015.

ZACB has organised the Point of Care Testing “Hands ON’ Practicals with the support of the Australian Association of Clinical Biochemistry (AACB) and diagnostic industry.

The IFCC Committee on Laboratory Management has organised a workshop on; Essentials of Quality Management in Clinical Laboratories. A Scientific Writing Skills and Grand Funding Application workshop organised by the AFCC will also be taking place.

An exciting main congress will take place on 28th – 29th April 2015. There will be 5 plenary lectures from outstanding AFCC experts on: P4 Medicine, Omics in Clinical Setting, Automation in Clinical Laboratories, Renal Medicine and Changes Required in Laboratory Medicine for Better and Economic Health Care.

The Congress will have 7 symposia which will include Genomics, Metabolic Medicine and Emerging Biomarkers, Cancer and Cytomics, Advances in Renal Disease Research, Infectious Disease and Nanomedicine, Point of Care Testing and Networks, an IFCC organised Young-Scientists and Networkings and Quality Control and Quality Assurance.

Participants from 4 IFCC Federations namely Arab Federation of Clinical Biology (AFCB), AFCC, Asian-Pacific Federation for Clinical Biochemistry and Laboratory Medicine (APFCB) and European Federation of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine (EFLM) have contributed high quality scientific abstracts. From these abstracts, we will be having 45 oral communications.

Many diagnostic companies in the industry from the AFCC, APFCB and EFLM will be exhibiting at the Congress. Participants and visitors are encouraged to visit the industry exhibition which will be opposite the Congress venue from 25th – 30th April 2015 from 09.00-17.30 hours.

The Congress has attracted many local and international delegates who will be joining the AFCC in Celebrating the 6th Anniversary and growth of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine on the African continent particularly now as AFCC is preparing for the first time IFCC WorldLab Durban 2017 in South Africa.

The Congress, the first to be held in Harare, Zimbabwe, promises to be richly interactive, productive and highly enjoyable as old friendships are renewed and new ones and networks are established.

In the evenings, there will be a social programme for delegates, their families and friends. The Opening Ceremony of the Congress will be held on the evening of 27th April 2015. Visits will be organised to breath taking tourist attractions including the UNESCO World Heritage Site, The Great Zimbabwe Monument (housing historic Zimbabwe), the Eastern Highlands and The World Wonder, The Mighty Majestic Victoria Falls “The Motsi Watunya” which is an hour away by air from Harare. The visits to these tourist attractions will offer

delegates and visitors an opportunity to experience the abundant natural wild life and an exciting African experience to remember for a life time.



Great Zimbabwe: UNESCO World Heritage Site



The Eastern Highlands

On behalf of the ZACB local Organising Committee, I look forward to sharing this historic and indeed great 4th AFCC Congress 2015 in the sunny, “smiling” and peaceful city of Harare, Zimbabwe.



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