

Call for abstracts for ASLM conference

The second international conference of the African Society for Laboratory Medicine (ASLM), which will be held in Cape Town from 30 November - 4 December 2014, will serve to highlight the society's pan-African efforts to improve quality patient care and disease control through improved laboratory systems and networks in Africa.



Organisers are calling for abstract submissions, before 30 April 2014, for papers relating to the conference theme, 'Innovation and integration of laboratory and clinical systems: reshaping the future of HIV, TB, malaria, influenza, neglected tropical diseases and emerging pathogens in Africa'.

"Laboratories play a strategic role in global health security," says Dr Tsehaynesh Messele, ASLM CEO. "Sharing best practices allows the African health community to capitalise on the historical movement to improve laboratory efficiency, lower costs and develop sustainable local capacity. Through events such as this conference, we can expand our knowledge and charter new territory to advocate for the critical role and advancement of laboratory medicine in Africa."

The importance of laboratory research and quality diagnostics cannot be overstated, especially at a time when Africa is challenged by disease outbreaks. Opportunities to publicise research findings among a global audience are uniquely available to African scientists, researchers and policymakers at www.ASLM2014.org.

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