Infectious Diseases Symposium

Jointly hosted by the:
Academy of Science of South Africa
German National Academy of Sciences, Leopoldina
Max Planck Institute for Infection Biology
Schering Foundation

Max Planck Institute for Infection Biology, Berlin, Germany

Date: 24-26 October 2016
Theme: “New Research Perspectives on Infectious Diseases in Africa and Germany”

Call to Young Scientists for Abstracts for Oral Presentations

Introduction
The Academy of Science of South Africa (ASSAf), the German National Academy of Sciences, Leopoldina, the Max Planck Institute for Infection Biology and the Schering Institute will be hosting an Infectious Diseases Symposium from 24 to 26 October 2016 at the Max Planck Institute for Infection Biology, Berlin, Germany. The symposium will focus on the development of vaccines and clinical trials. The theme of the symposium is “New Research Perspectives on Infectious Diseases in Africa and Germany”. The event will include two days of symposium and one day of workshop. The workshop will focus on immunologic and molecular biologic assays, which are of relevance for point-of-care diagnostics.

ASSAf is seeking young scientists from sub-Saharan Africa to participate in this symposium and workshop. The multilateral event will provide a platform for scientific exchange among senior and young scientists from Africa and Germany in the field of infectious diseases.

Eligibility
This call is open to early career researchers who are based in sub-Saharan Africa. Applicants should meet the following criteria to participate:
• Be resident in sub-Saharan Africa
• Be early career researchers (those undertaking PhD or a Postdoctoral Fellowship)
• Be under the age of forty (40)
• Have research experience associated with infectious diseases (i.e. tuberculosis, malaria, Ebola, HIV/AIDS etc.)
• Commit to be present for the duration of the symposium and workshop
• Submission of abstract that will be the basis for presentation at the symposium
• Willing to present and share current research results at the symposium

Symposium Participation and Application
ASSAf invites submission of abstracts for oral presentations. Interested candidates, who meet the above-mentioned criteria, should please complete the accompanying application form and return it to Mr Ntambudzeni Tshiwaize (ntambudzeni@assaf.org.za) Tel: +27 (0)12 349 6648 by Friday, 26 February 2016. There is no registration fee to attend the symposium. ASSAf and Leopoldina will cover the travel and hospitality costs for the selected candidates for the duration of the symposium and workshop. Further information about the symposium will be circulated.

Abstract Format
Applicants should follow the instructions clearly:
• Abstract must not be more than 300 words (excluding Title, Authors and Institutions) on the attached form
• Abstract must be written in English
• Abstract title must be in boldface, capital letters (lowercase) and centred
• Abstract font must be Century Gothic 11 with A4 set up margins

Abstract Acceptance
Abstracts will be reviewed by a panel which reserves the right to accept and allocate oral presentations. All applicants will be notified of the outcome of the selection process by 11 March 2016.

Application Deadline: 26 February 2016