

Background

International Medical Exchange (IME) is a non-profit organization whose mission is to bring together health professionals, health policy makers, educators, entrepreneurs and industry leaders from Africa and the United States to develop an intercontinental exchange programme that addresses the various aspects of delivering health services in Africa.

IME inaugural conference, "*Empowerment Through Health: A Collaboration of Nations*", was held in October 1997 in Sun City, South Africa. The Conference brought together health practitioners and allied health professionals, political and business leaders from Africa and the United States. The participants discussed ways to address the major health issues facing African countries and the constraints that face the development and implementation of these programmes. To address these constraints, it was recommended that IME consider facilitating national and regional workshops.

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Pre-workshop Symposia

April 13, 1999
Safari Park Hotel
Nairobi, Kenya

Presiding Chairman, *Dr Khama Rogo*, Hon. National
Chairman, Kenya Medical Association

OPENING SESSION: 8.30 - 9.00 am

Chair, *Dr Richard Barasa*, Chairman Medical Practitioners and
Dentists Board

8.30 am Welcome and Introductory Remarks, *Dr James Nyikal*, Chair,
National Organizing Committee

Opening remarks: Ministry of Health

Vote of Thanks - *Dr Emily Obwaka*, Kenya Medical Women
Association

SESSION ONE: 9.00 - 10.00 am

Typhoid: New Strategies for Prevention and Control

Chair, *Dr Rogers Atebe*, Pharmaceutical Society of Kenya
Rapporteur, *Dr Dorothy Mbori-Ngacha*

9.00 am **Typhoid as an Emerging Public Health Problem**
Dr Mohan Lumba, Consultant Paediatrician and Honorary
Lecturer, College of Health Sciences, University of Nairobi

9.15 am **Laboratory Diagnosis of Typhoid: The Challenges**
Prof. Isaac Wamola, Professor, Department of Microbiology,
University of Nairobi

9.30 am **Clinical Diagnosis and Treatment of Typhoid**
Dr B. A. Estambale, Senior Lecturer, Department of
Microbiology, University of Nairobi

9.45 am **Vaccination as a Prevention Strategy: Results of Vaccine
Trials in Western Kenya**
Dr N. Mirza, Consultant Medical Microbiologist and former
Senior Lecturer, University of Nairobi

10.00 am **Prevention and Control: The Economics of the Disease**
Dr C.N. Chunge, Consultant in tropical and travel medicine;
former Senior Lecturer, University of Nairobi

10.15 am **Discussion**

10.30 am **Tea Break**

SESSION TWO: 11.00 am - 12.30 pm

Hepatitis B Infection in Kenya

Chair: *Dr Peter Gaturuku*, Ministry of Health

Rapporteur: *Dr Peter Kilonzo*, Kenya Medical Association

Epidemiology of Hepatitis B in Kenya

Dr Fred Okoth, Director, Centre for Virus Research, Kenya
Medical Research Institute

Strategies for Prevention of Hepatitis B

Dr Peter Tukei, Chief Research Officer,
Kenya Medical Research Institute

The Economics of Prevention of Hepatitis B as a Disease

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Panel Discussions on the way forward

SESSION THREE: 1.30 pm - 3.30 pm

HIV/AIDS: Unfolding Disaster

Chair: *Dr Warren Namara*, Kenya Country Adviser, UNAIDS

Rapporteur: *Dr Sobbie Mulindi*, University of Nairobi

1.30 pm **An Overview of HIV/AIDS in Africa**
Dr M. Owili, Consultant Physician

1.45 pm **AIDS Vaccine Trials in Africa: Hopes and Challenges**
Dr Peter Mugenyi, Director, AIDS Vaccine Joint Clinical
Research Centre, Uganda

2.00 pm **Mother to Child Transmission of HIV/AIDS**
Dr Ruth Nduati, Senior Lecturer and Researcher, University of
Nairobi, School of Medicine

2.15 pm **Petra Studies: Interim Results**
Prof. Francis Mmro, Makerere University, Medical School,
Uganda

2.30 pm **Access to Drugs and Treatment for People Living with
HIV/AIDS**
Mr Muyingo Sowed, General Manager, Medical Access, Uganda

2.45 pm **Multi-Sectoral Approach in the Control and Prevention of
HIV/AIDS in Africa,**
TBA

3.00 pm **The Challenges of Controlling HIV/AIDS in Africa**
Dr Johnson, Organization of African Unity, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

3.15 pm **Closing Remarks**
Dr Khama Rogo, Presiding Chairman