

Afro European-Medical and Research Network (AEMRN) second Annual Symposium

Theme : “Community Systems Strengthening and Malaria Control”

Date : 24th to 25th September, 2009.

Place : Amsterdam Rai Conference Centre, Amsterdam the Netherlands

Time : 08:30 to 17:00 hrs CET, daily.

Please note that the last day of the symposium will be followed by the traditional fund raising buffet dinner and entertainment night to be held close to the symposium centre.

Introduction of AEMRN

The Afro-European Medical and Research Network (AEMRN) is a non-governmental and not for profit organisation with a strong vision of helping to improve the quality of life for people living in low-income countries especially Sub-Saharan Africa.

This vision includes AEMRN serving as a network where active professionals from medicine and allied professions can interact through organised symposia and conferences to promote the exchange of skills, experiences and expertise for addressing challenging issues such as Malaria in hard to reach communities in low-income countries.

We also use simple low resolution technology to link communities across countries willing to learn from each other and share their knowledge so that together we can address our challenges and improve the work that we do in these communities.

AEMRN members strive to contribute their knowledge and experience to improve the quality of their work so that the communities they interact with benefit from improved performance irrespective of race, creed, beliefs, faith and social affiliation.

Thus the symposium on “Community Systems Strengthening and Malaria Control” is in line with AEMRN annual programme of organising one conference and one symposium annually to physically bring our members and other stakeholders to share experience on topics of common interest.

The first symposium organised on the topic “*Knowledge Management, Resource Mobilisation and sustained HIV/AIDS Research in Low-income Countries - Case of Sub-Saharan Africa*” on 19th September, 2008 in Bern Switzerland was well attended and a great success.

Our 2009 Spring Conference on “*Strategies in Mobilising Resources*” with specific focus on “*Sharing Knowledge and Mobilising action to support Projects in Low Income Countries*” held on 30th April, 2009 at United Nations Palais des Nations, in Geneva brought together diverse professionals and we had very positive outcomes.

At the symposium in Amsterdam lead by the AEMRN Holland President, Mr. James Wallace Kargbo and Executive, we will bring together again our colleagues very active in the efforts to control malaria from communities around the world especially from Africa.

As a team guided by specifically chosen facilitators, we will explore and exchange and share experiences and research outcomes of innovative ways we can effectively strengthen our various communities to control malaria.

Please we hope you will be able to join us and our colleagues from communities in Africa, Europe, the United States of America, Asia, Canada and elsewhere in the world as we collectively explore and recognize the need on a greater focus on communities and people themselves as a key component of community system strengthening and as the foundation for effective, sustainable malaria control.

This approach has the potential to be adapted by other disease specific programmes and health interventions

We eagerly look forward to welcoming you in Amsterdam

“Together We Can Make It Happen”.

AEMRN Team, The Netherlands and International Secretariat, Holland.