AORTIC 2011
ENTERING THE 21ST CENTURY FOR CANCER CONTROL IN AFRICA
30 November – 03 December 2011
CAIRO, EGYPT
On behalf of the AFRICAN ORGANISATION FOR RESEARCH & TRAINING IN CANCER (AORTIC), it gives us great pleasure to invite you to AORTIC’s 8th International Conference entitled “Entering the 21st Century for Cancer Control in Africa”.

In the thriving and ancient metropolis of Cairo, the conference will build on the solid scientific foundations established through the previous AORTIC Conferences and will offer a scientific program of outstanding quality. Combined with an exciting social program, this will be an unique opportunity to expand your knowledge of all aspects of Cancer control and to network with colleagues and professionals from all over the world.

In addition to the attraction of Cairo as one of the top tourist and cultural destinations in the world, delegates will also have the opportunity to participate in what has grown to be one of the preeminent conferences that focuses on Cancer control, treatment and training on the African continent.

While infectious and communicable diseases still dominate the health agenda of many African countries, Cancer is emerging as a major health problem and is set to affect over 20% of Africans by 2030. In addition, facilities for the early detection and treatment of Cancer are severely limited in most of Africa, resulting in patients presenting with advanced, incurable disease with a very high mortality to incidence ratio - more than double that found in developed countries. Palliative care exists in only a few settings and many Africans suffering from cancer die painful and undignified deaths. Clearly knowledge, coupled with training, research, advocacy and governmental policy are vital tools in the fight against cancer. Our international biennial conferences are designed to provide these diverse tools by engaging with experts from around the globe who have a real and deep understanding of Africa and the health of Africans.

With this in mind we urge you to register to attend the AORTIC 2011 Conference and/or to submit abstracts of your research to this prestigious conference, the largest cancer organization in Africa.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN CAIRO, EGYPT IN 2011.

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AORTIC’s key objectives are to further research relating to cancers prevalent in Africa; support the management of training programs in oncology for health care workers, and to deal with the challenges of creating cancer control and prevention programs, as well as raising public awareness of cancer in Africa.
Egypt, officially the Arab Republic of Egypt, is a country mainly in North Africa, with the Sinai Peninsula forming a land bridge in Western Asia. Covering an area of about 1,010,000 square kilometers (390,000 sq mi) and is the 38th largest country in the world, Egypt is bordered by the Mediterranean Sea to the north, the Gaza Strip and Israel to the northeast, the Red Sea to the east, Sudan to the south and Libya to the west.

Cairo, the Jewel of the Orient, the City of the Thousand Minarets, and the Melting Pot of Ancient and Modern Egyptian Civilizations Cairo - the Triumphant City - is the glorious capital of Egypt, the cradle of civilization and the beacon of religion. It is the largest city in the Middle East and Africa and lies at the centre of all routes leading to, and from the three continents: Asia, Africa and Europe. It is the city where past and present meet, on its east side stands the evidence of 2000 years of Islamic, Christian Coptic, and Jewish culture still flourishing to this day. On its west side lies the Ancient Egyptian city of Memphis Giza, the renowned capital of the Old Kingdom and the site of the Pyramids, the only wonder surviving of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World.
Under the theme “Entering the 21st Century for Cancer Control in Africa”, topics covered in the AORTIC 2011 conference will be around cutting edge cancer management, basic science and clinical research of cancers relevant to Africa. This includes the following - Infection related cancers, Cancer & HIV, Preventable cancers, Cancer Control Programs, Pathology, Cancer Biology, Palliative Care, Oncology Nursing, Cancer Registries, Tobacco and Cancer, Radiation and chemotherapy in low resource settings, Good clinical practice training, Ethics in Cancer Research, Capacity Building, Research Methodology and updates on site specific cancers.

The conference will consist of a combination of keynote lectures, plenaries, free communications of research performed in Africa and internationally and in-depth workshops. Speakers will be drawn from across the globe representing high quality expertise. This meeting will enable networking, the exchange of ideas and the opportunity for African clinicians and scientists to meet other oncology leaders working in their field. The official languages of the conference are English and French and simultaneous translation will be provided.

Building on the rich diversity of cultures and natural phenomena, accompanying persons will be treated to a stimulating programme which will give them an insight into Egypt’s complexities, as well as plenty of opportunity to shop and take advantage of the wonderful value for money.

Cairo offers a wide range of accommodation from luxury hotels of the highest international standard through to quality guest houses. Detailed information will be included in the second announcement.

**DATES**
- Abstract Submissions Open – 26 October 2010
- Abstract Submission Deadline – 31 March 2011
- Registration opens – 26 October 2010
- Early Bird discount close - 30 June 2011
DAY TOURS & PRE AND POST CONGRESS TOURS

Egypt is probably the world’s oldest civilization having emerged from the Nile Valley around 3,100 BC, historically. Egypt is probably one of the oldest vacation spots. Early Greeks, Romans and others went there just for fun, and to see the wonders of some of mankind’s earliest triumphs. But Egypt is much more than Pyramids and monuments. It is also Red Sea scuba diving, hot night spots, luxury hotels and five star restaurants. It is romantic cruises down the Nile on festive river boats, a night at the grand opera and it is a cultural experience like none you have ever experienced. Egypt is a land bustling with life, sound, visual beauty and excitement. More than anything else, we want you to think of Egypt as fun. For thousands of years, it has been the playground of emperors and kings, and we hope you will take the time to find out why.

A varied and exciting list of Day Tours and Pre & Post conference tours will be made available during the AORTIC Conference 2011. Details will be listed on the conference website as well as in the 2nd Announcement.

The AORTIC 2011 Conference is organised in collaboration with the SOUTH AND EAST MEDITERRANEAN COLLEGE OF ONCOLOGY (SEMCO)