

CALL FOR ABSTRACT FOR THE NOVARTIS NITD TB SYMPOSIUM IN YAOUNDE, 11-15 OCTOBER 2010

The Novartis Institute for Tropical Diseases (NITD) TB Symposium will take place from 11-15 October 2010 in Yaoundé, Cameroon. The symposium will discuss the Tuberculosis situation in Africa and focus on the issues around the discovery and development of effective new drugs for TB. The bi-annual TB symposium is one of Novartis efforts to boost scientific exchanges in the field of TB drug discovery and increase awareness of the diseases.

NITD is a research institute dedicated to drug discovery for treating tropical diseases endemic in developing countries, in particular dengue fever, tuberculosis and malaria, and intends to provide new medicines to patients in developing countries on a not-for-profit basis.

TB Symposium will have five half-day presentation sessions, each followed by a podium discussion, on:

TB in Africa and Cameroon
Chemistry issues in lead finding
Biology issues in lead finding I
Biology issues in lead finding II
Clinical development

There will be also a half-day poster session for about 10 invited poster presentations, and a full day excursion to a hospital / research site. Posters must measure no bigger than 0.8m (width) x 1m (height).

All those (senior scientists, medical doctors, research students, etc.) involved in TB research are invited to participate by sending an abstract and title of their presentation before February 10th to the Chairperson of the Local Organizing Committee, Dr Celine Nkenfou at nkenfouc@yahoo.com or to Laura Vivian at laura.viviani@novartis.com. The Abstract should be structured as follows: Title (no more than 50 characters), List of authors (names and addresses (email) with the name of the presenting author underlined; three key words; the introduction ending with objective(s)(150 words); materials and methods (100 words); results (200 words – No tables or figures); conclusion (50 words).

Selected presentations will receive a Novartis stipend to cover their accommodation and travel expenses.

I thank you in advance for considering this request and look forward to your response.

Kind regards,

Dr. NKENFOU