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TRADING AS AWACC-2013 (NPC2013/180385/08) ANNUAL WORKSHOP IN ADVANCED CLINICAL CARE-AIDS

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REPORT ON 7TH AWACC 2013

VENUE: Elangeni Hotel –Tsogo –Sun , Durban.

DATES: 26 and 27 September 2013

PRELIMINARY REMARKS

405 people attended, as delegates or speakers, over the two days. Approximately 65% of attendees were doctors and 20 % were nurse practitioners. The other delegates were pharmacists, representatives from the pharmaceuticals and health officials. About 30% of the delegates were from outside KZN. All talks can be accessed from the website archives.

A.FEEDBACK FROM KEY SPONSORS

1. DEPT OF HEALTH KZN – The Department of Health in KZN sponsored 150 delegates. The HAST unit through Dr Mayise is “very supportive of the effort that AWACC is making to help translate the latest scientific research from evidence based medicine into best clinical practice for resource limited settings. “He has expressed the intention of the HAST unit to recognize AWACC as the official annual CME programme for KZN public hospitals. The DoH has indicated their willingness to consider sponsorship of ongoing workshops for clinicians.

2. CENTRE FOR AIDS RESEARCH (CFAR) – THE HARVARD MEDICAL SCHOOL. Dr Raj has been responsible for supporting this conference significantly since 2007. This year they provided funds in support of the conference logistics, travel and participation of faculty members from Harvard Medical School (HMS). All the speakers were experts in their field and made a very important contribution to the sessions. He will continue as co-chair of the conference. The Clinicopathological conference on HPV-associated malignancies was another excellent presentation that will be published in the New England Journal of Medicine. The CPC has been published over the last 5 years annually in the NEJM. Dr Gandhi would also like to make available links to a bimonthly web based conference on the HOPE website, which is part of CFAR activity. You may want to join this conference by linking to www.hopeconference.net and request for access.

3. MEDICAL CLINICAL & ACADEMIC TEACHING IN AIDS (.MEDICATE AIDS) .This is a newly formed non profit company consisting of directors and staff from McCord hospital .Dr Sunpath ,one of the directors is the scientific director and co chair of the AWACC conference. The company will be responsible to facilitate the programme and financial management to ensure the continuity of an affordable and highly valued conference.

B. OTHER PARTNERS

1. THE SA HIV CLINICIANS SOCIETY.

Dr Françoise Conradie, President of the society, participated together with other officials from the Society. The society also provided speakers from outside KZN and funds for them to participate in the conference as experts. The Society will continue to provide support for the conference and participate in finalizing the course content of the programme and recommend speakers.

2. DEPT. OF MEDICINE; NELSON R MANDELA SCHOOL OF MEDICINE, UKZN

Professor Moosa was involved in planning and chaired many of the meetings. As head of the ID unit, he is very committed to using the forum to empower clinicians all over KZN. He will continue as one of the co-chairs. This year we were glad to have Dr Nyamande (acting head of Medicine), together with Dr Magula (Specialist Physician and Researcher in HIV) and Dr.P Mody (Specialist Physician and Nephrologist). The medical school has been very supportive of creating capacity in district hospitals to manage PLHIV appropriately.

3. McCORD HOSPITAL

McCord Hospital has been a key supporter of AWACC from 2007. The management has always made its facilities, staff and services available to coordinate this event. McCord played a key coordinating role for the conference under the leadership of Dr H Sunpath, head of Internal Medicine/HIV medicine at McCord. In 2012 and 2013, McCord hospital has experienced significant changes in its operational capacity. The DOH is currently in discussion to take over the facility and run it as a public health facility within its own network. Dr Henry Sunpath, Dr Neville Chelin and Dr.Christina Edwin joined a non profit company called MEDICAL, CLINICAL AND ACADEMIC TEACHING IN AIDS (MEDICATE –AIDS) to manage the conference secretariat.

FEEDBACK FROM DELEGATES

A summary of the analysis of the Course Survey that was undertaken, please see attached questionnaire. Approx 80% of the sessions received an assessment of very good and excellent. More than 80% of the delegates found the choice of course topics very relevant to their work. The length of the course was just right for 95% of the delegates.

PERSONAL COMMENTS BY ORGANISING COMMITTEE

We are inspired by all the responses to continue organizing this workshop.

Dr Raj Gandhi considers this workshop to be the premier clinical conference in AIDS Clinical care Africa.

Professor Y Moosa is very encouraged by the support from the Department of Health, in KZN, and would like them to play a key role in taking the recommendations of this workshop to policy makers.

Dr H Sunpath would like to invite anyone who wishes to join the panel of advisors for this workshop with whom he could network in drawing up the agenda for the eighth Annual workshop.

The organisers are glad to announce that the AWACC 2014 will be held on 09 and 10 October 2014 in Elangeni hotel

Proposed topics to be covered after assessment of needs from delegates are listed below. Most presentations will be interactive case based discussions as requested by the delegates

1. CNS mass lesions
2. ART resistance –first and second line :more cases
3. Linkage to and retention in care–
4. Adolescent HIV care

5. Paediatric case conference
6. ART –metabolic complications
7. Approach to cognitive disorders
8. Palliative care–symptom control
9. OIs –viral coinfections
10. ART –new agents /pipeline drugs
11. Annual research summary–highlights
12. PREP
13. DVT and PEs
14. TB –smear negative TB /TB diagnostics
15. IRIS
16. Surgery
17. Rheumatological manifestations
18. IPT
19. Referral pathways
20. Nurse initiated management of ART



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Attachments to this report available on www.awacc.org

1. Conference programme
2. Biodata of speakers
3. Course evaluation questionnaire
4. Course content

Yours sincerely



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