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Dear friends.

CONFERENCE CALL

The Tropical Institute of Community Health (TICH) and the Great Lakes University of Kisumu (GLUK) are pleased to announce the 9th TICH Annual Scientific Conference whose theme will focus on **“Innovations in Health Systems Strengthening towards MDGs”**

Researchers, policy-makers, communities and other stakeholders representing diverse constituencies will gather in Kisumu, Kenya to share evidence, identify significant knowledge gaps, and set a research agenda that reflects the needs of Africa. The four day Conference will be held in Kisumu, Kenya from 29th April – 2nd May 2012.

You are invited to submit abstracts on the following sub-themes:

- Sub-theme 1: The role of collaborative research
- Sub-theme 2: The role of academic Institutions
- Sub-theme 3: The role of communities
- Sub-theme 4: The role of the state
- Sub-theme 5: The role of Non-governmental Organizations (NGOs)

The aim of the conference is to share innovations and success stories to inform future approaches and challenges in Health Systems Strengthening.

Conference format

Various methodologies will be used at the conference. This will include:

- presentation and discussion of background papers
- plenary sessions
- thematic roundtable discussions
- parallel sessions
- symposium
- skills building
- networking time in breaks and over meals
- the marketplace: the meeting hub for exchange of ideas
- poster sessions

Registration Fees:

1. Individual registration USD 150.00
2. Group registration USD 400.00 (4 up to 5 participants)

3. Founder Members of TICH and students USD 80.00 per person

Scientific Papers

Scientific papers submitted for presentation will be judged based on Introduction, Objectives, Methodology, Results, Innovations, Conclusion and Recommendations . Abstract should have a maximum of 300 words.

Poster presentations

Posters for presentation should be 90 (length) x 80 (width) centimetres, typed (including Tables, Figures) with font size of at least 28 pts (Times New Roman)

Deadline for submission:

- The deadline for abstract submission is December 31st 2011

Exhibition space

Types of exhibitions:

1. Community /Self help groups

Space will be available at USD 250 per stand for the entire conference period.

2. Exhibition for marketing and promotion

- Space will be available at a cost of USD 450 per stand for the entire conference period.
- The exhibition cost covers registration for two people, a tent (2 x 2 m), one table, a chair and boards for exhibition.

For submission of abstracts and more information please contact the Conference Coordinator at conference@gluk.ac.ke or +254 715 709272.

We look forward to your positive response.

Yours sincerely,

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