

Report on attendance at the 15th Kenya Paediatric Association (KPA) scientific conference (14th-17th April 2015) in Mombasa, Kenya by Dr. Lawrence Owino Okong'o.

This is to thank the APFP for facilitating my attendance at the above conference. I was privileged to contribute by making an oral presentation on "Juvenile Dermatomyositis" at the non-communicable diseases symposium. I also chaired two sessions: The Child Rights and Non-Communicable diseases symposia. Further, we in KPA were honoured by the support from the team from the Red Cross Children's Hospital including Prof. Jo Wilmshurst and the neurology team as well as Prof. Christiaan Scott. Their contribution was appreciated by all and their willingness to stand by us despite the negative travel advisories was really commendable.



Once more I greatly appreciate the support from the APFP and the great opportunity that was accorded to us to put paediatric rheumatology in the Kenyan paediatrics agenda.

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Prof. Chris Scott (Paediatric Rheumatology HOD, RCWMCH) (3rd from left) with Dr. Lawrence Okong'o (4th from left) at the 15th KPA conference in Mombasa.

REPORT ON KPA 15TH ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE IN MOMBASA, KENYA

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I am grateful to the APFP for sponsoring my return ticket to attend the KPA 15th Annual Scientific Conference in Mombasa, Kenya. I chaired a plenary session on 16th April 2015, on "*Cross-cutting Issues in Vaccines.*" During that session, I presented the East Africa Centre for Vaccines and Immunization (ECAVI) concept, on a topic called: "*RAISING VOICES – Advocacy, Vaccines Systems Support and Training in Eastern Africa.*" The feedback was overwhelming, this was a very well attended plenary session, that came just after guest speakers (Prof. Jo Wilmshurst and Prof Christian Scott had given their addresses, and immediately before Prof. Mbori-Ngacha gave the Key Note Address on the conference theme: "*Optimal Child Health – Building Blocks for the future.*"

On 17th April 2015, I presented preliminary findings of a study we are conducting at Red Cross Hospital, titled: "*Emergence of Carbapenem-resistant Enterobacteriaceae among children admitted at Red Cross Children's Hospital, Cape Town SA.*"

Below are some of the pictures from the conference.



Dr. Ombeva making presentation on 16th April 2015 – TOPIC: “RAISING VOICES – Advocacy, Vaccines Systems Support and Training in Eastern Africa.”
Plenary Session on Vaccines co-Chaired by Dr. Ombeva
Paediatric Infectious Diseases Session in which Dr. Ombeva made a presentation on: “Emergence of Carbapenem-resistant Enterobacteriaceae among children admitted at Red Cross Children’s Hospital, Cape Town SA.”



Group of past and current APFP fellows



Dr Kirsty Donald (left) and Prof Jo Wilmshurst (right)