



**First Training Workshop and Symposium MURIA Group 27 – 29 July 2015  
University of Botswana, Gaborone**

**Criteria for sponsorship by IUPHAR to the Medicines Utilization Research in Africa (MURIA) workshop and symposium in Botswana 26-29 July 2015.**

The MURIA workshop and symposium organizing committee reaches out to clinical pharmacologists and MD/ MBBS doctors with a pharmacology background in the African region who can make significant contributions to learning and exchange of research ideas and be able to actively participate in discussions on the rational use of medicines in Africa in the English language. The MURIA organizing committee also seeks to ensure a balanced gender representation among potential participants.

**The MURIA organizing committee has therefore identified four main criteria for selecting IUPHAR candidates to award sponsorship for attending and presenting at the MURIA workshop/symposium in July 2015. These are:**

1. Applicants must be MD/MBBS physicians from academia (mainly from Universities) with a clinical pharmacology/ pharmacology qualification
2. Alternatively, applicants can be representatives from think tanks such as those from research institutions based in the African region with an MD/MBBS qualification with a clinical pharmacology/ pharmacology background
3. Applicants can also be critical thinkers from the African region that generate policy-oriented research, analysis and advice to inform medicine policy development with an MD/MBBS and pharmacology/ clinical pharmacology qualification. Applicants can be from Ministries of Health, medical AID schemes, and private medical practitioners dealing with medicines use
4. IUPHAR sponsorship will only be given to those who submit an abstract that is accepted by the organizing committee (submission deadline end May 2015). Preference will be given to applicants whose abstract has been selected for an oral presentation. Please indicate in your abstract submission that you are eligible for the IUPHAR sponsorship (Abstract forms and details can be found on <http://muria.nmmu.ac.za/>). The successful applicant will be notified by June 3 2015. The MURIA Group's decision will be final.

**Additional information about IUPHAR sponsorship.**

Sponsorship will be limited to the following items:

- Return airfare (up to a maximum of US\$500 – greater in exceptional circumstances upon request).
- Registration fee (equivalent to US\$125.00 – this will be paid for by the MURIA group)
- Accommodation for 3 nights in the Oasis Hotel, Gaborone, Botswana (this will be organised and paid for by the MURIA Group)

The cost of the airfare (up to US\$500 or more in exceptional circumstances) will be refunded after the MURIA meeting in July on receipt of the invoice documenting the details (this can be given together with bank details to the MURIA organisers in Botswana).