

# MURIA Group

## First Training Workshop and Symposium

### 27 - 29 July 2015

### University of Botswana



**Objective:** The workshop and symposium are intended to develop and progress medicines utilisation research in Africa. The workshop will cater for all personnel including those just starting research in this area and those already undertaking medicine utilisation research. This will be achieved through two workshop streams (parallel sessions) and a one day symposium for researchers to present their projects and findings.

#### Topics covered in 1.5 day methodology training workshop include:

Introductory Group	Advanced Group
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Basic medicines utilisation research methodology</li> <li>ATC, DDDs/ PDDs</li> <li>Quantitative and qualitative research methodologies and indicators</li> <li>Introduction to cross national comparison (CNC) studies and influencing physicians</li> <li>Basic statistics applied to DU research</li> <li>Use of DUR studies to answer different practice question</li> <li>Introduction to ethics</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Issues and challenges with drug utilisation studies and potential ways to address these</li> <li>Topics include: antibiotics; quantitative and qualitative approaches in DU studies; influencing prescribing/ guidelines including CNC studies</li> <li>Introduction to pharmacoeconomics</li> <li>Advanced statistical methods for DU research</li> <li>DU visualisation and communication; pharmacovigilance/ drug safety and databases</li> <li>Dealing with ethics - Issues and challenges</li> </ul>

#### Topics covered in the one day symposium:

Topics will depend on the content of the submitted abstracts. There will be both oral and poster presentations. Particular consideration will be given to abstracts describing current drug utilisation research and activities with ARVs.

#### Provisional list of key personnel in their fields conducting the course include:

- Professor Amos Massele (Botswana)
- Professor Ilse Truter and Dr Theunis Kotze (South Africa)
- Dr Olayinka Ogunleye (Nigeria)
- Professor Martie Lubbe and Dr Rianda Joubert (South Africa)
- Dr Matthias Adorka (Namibia); Dr Margaret Oluka (Kenya)
- Dr Andy Gray and Dr Brent Knoesen (South Africa)
- Professor Lars Gustafsson and Dr Jaran Eriksen (Sweden)
- Dr Joseph Fadare (Nigeria); Dr Brian Godman (Sweden and UK)
- Dr Marike Cockeran and Dr Johanita Burger (South Africa)

**Official language:** The language for the training workshop and symposium is English with no simultaneous translation.

**Course fees per participant:** US\$125. These will cover all workshop activities, the symposium, meals during the day, a welcome reception on the first night and a conference Dinner on the second night. The fees do not cover hotel, travel, airport transfers or evening meal costs apart from the Dinner.

The conference hotels include the Indaba hotel (approximately 90US\$/night) and the Oasis Hotel (approx. 75US\$/night) - details will be on the registration form. There may also be the opportunity for limited accommodation in Graduate rooms. Transport will be arranged to and from the Conference hotels to the University of Botswana at the start and finish of each day and for the Dinner.

Workshop numbers will be limited to 100 people to facilitate good interaction. Requests for Visa letters should also be sent to [Muria.Group@mopipi.ub.bw](mailto:Muria.Group@mopipi.ub.bw).

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#### Abstract submission and Registration

The deadline for abstract submission has been extended to **31 May 2015**.  
Acceptance letters for abstracts will be sent out from **20 May 2015**.  
Registration closes on **30 June 2015**.

