

Facts about OSEA

The Ophthalmological Society of Eastern Africa was founded on 27th June 1970. The objective was to encourage exchange of knowledge and experience among ophthalmologists in Eastern Africa.

The society admits as full members all ophthalmologists who actively practice in Eastern Africa. Associate membership includes ophthalmologists in training, clinical officers, ophthalmic nurses and optometrists.

OSEA activities include annual scientific conferences that rotate between the three countries. OSEA also has a journal publication (East African Journal of Ophthalmology), which contains papers presented at the conference and others.

OSEA is involved in the respective countries' National Prevention of Blindness Committees and assists Government in advocacy, planning and implementation of VISION 2020 objectives. The society interacts with various eye care NGOs in the region such as KSB, CBM, SSI, LIONS Clubs, DAAD, OEU etc. It also collaborates with Universities and research institutions.

Travel and Hotel information

White Sands Hotel website:

<http://www.sarovahotels.com/whitesands/>

Hotel rates: Ksh/day

Hotel	Single BB	Double BB
Whitesands	6125	10125
Milele Beach	4000	6500
Kahama Beach (standard rooms)	3150	3350
Kahama Beach (superior rooms)	3750	3950

For any inquiries about the conference

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Conference registration fee: members US\$50,
non-members US\$ 100



Ophthalmological Society of Eastern Africa

**38th Annual Scientific Conference
August 20th-21st, 2009**

**Theme:
Raising the standards of eye care in
East Africa**

**1st
Call for Abstracts**

**Featuring special
sub-specialty symposia**

**Venue:
Whitesands Hotel
Mombasa**

Invitation from Dr. Dan Kiage OSEA Chairman

Dear Colleagues

I am pleased to invite you to the 38th Annual Scientific Conference of Ophthalmological Society of Eastern Africa. Once again we are looking forward to meeting in the beautiful, serene town of Mombasa - Kenya.

In recent few years we have experienced advances in ophthalmic education and eye care delivery in the Eastern Africa region. These include high standards of residency training programs, more sub-specialty trained ophthalmologists and availability of high-end ophthalmic technology in hospitals and clinics among others. These have been necessary to address some critical trends and challenges for ophthalmology in eastern Africa.

Our unique situation is that whereas we are still dealing with a great backlog of cataracts, endemic trachoma etc, the challenges of modern day emerging blinding diseases like glaucoma, diabetic retinopathy and ARMD are here with us. Therefore ophthalmologists and the entire eye care delivery system have to get prepared to change and adapt to the new challenges. It cannot be business as usual anymore.

For these reasons we have aptly chosen the theme for this year's conference to be **"Raising the standards of eye care in East Africa"**.

This year's conference will be historic in that we will have subspecialty training workshops in glaucoma, anterior segment surgery, orbit & oculoplastics and also vitreoretinal surgery. We are also honored to have over ten eminent world-class ophthalmologists as invited guest speakers.

The conference also provides an excellent opportunity for professionals, health policy makers, ophthalmic industry and other service providers to interact and create linkages and networks.

The tranquil, sunny, hospitable town of Mombasa with its rich culture and history awaits you. Hope to see you all there.

Karibu Mombasa!

Call for papers

The scientific committee invites the submission of abstracts of original papers for presentation at the conference. Free papers and poster presentations are also welcome.

Please adhere to the following guidelines:

- Presentations should address the conference theme. Free/open papers will be accepted and presented in a special section.
- The abstract must be typed. No handwritten abstracts will be accepted.
- Abstracts should be submitted as email attachments to drgichuhi@yahoo.com
- Indicate the names of all authors and underline the name of the author presenting the paper.
- Include institutional affiliations with the complete address and contacts of the presenting author ie office telephone, email, fax, mobile telephone.
- The abstracts must be no more than 300 words with an introduction, methods, results and conclusion section. Use Times Roman font size 12 with 1.5 line spacing.
- Presentations will be accepted on a first come first served basis.
- Each presentation will last 10 minutes except for keynote and invited speakers who will have 30 minutes.

The deadline for submission is 30th June 2009.

Programme structure

Wednesday, August 19th 2009

1600-1800 EARLY REGISTRATION at conference venue

Thursday, August 20th 2009

0700-0800 REGISTRATION
 0800-0810 Welcome address
 0810-1000 Papers. Q&A
 1000-1030 Official opening ceremony and keynote address
 1030-1100 Coffee/Tea break
 1100-1130 Invited speaker
 1130-1245 Papers. Q&A
 1245-1400 Lunch/Poster sessions/ Exhibits
 1400-1530 Papers. Q&A
 1530-1600 Coffee/Tea break
 1600-1700 OSEA AGM
 1930-2200 Gala Dinner

Friday, August 21st 2009

	Main Hall	Room 1	Room 2
0800-1000	Papers. Q&A	Glaucoma	Cornea
1000-1030	Tea	Tea	Tea
1030-1230	Open papers	Glaucoma	Cornea
1230-1330	Lunch/Poster sessions/ Exhibits		
1330-1530	Papers. Q&A	Orbit/Plastics	Retina/Vitreous
1530-1600	Tea	Tea	Tea
1600-1700	Open papers	Orbit/Plastics	Retina/Vitreous
1700-1800	EACO AGM		
1930-	Dinner		