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COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES

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**ABSTRACTS (ORAL / POSTER) CLOSING DATE: MONDAY 31<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2020**

Dear Colleague

**RE: ANNUAL MEDICAL RESEARCH DAY 2020: 1st ANNOUNCEMENT**

**DATE: SATURDAY, 17<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2020**

**VENUE: JACARANDA ROOM 1, THE RAINBOW TOWERS HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTRE, PENNEFATHER AVENUE, P O BOX 3033, HARARE**

**TIME: 7:15AM**

**THEME: "ADVANCES IN TRANSLATIONAL HEALTH RESEARCH IN ZIMBABWE"**

**SUB-THEME: "MEETING CURRENT DEMANDS IN COMMUNITY HEALTH"**

### Preamble

The Annual Medical Research Day

The Annual Medical Research Day evolved from the University wide concept of an annual Faculty Research Day. Faculties were expected to use this day to showcase and share results of research carried out by its Departmental staff and students but mainly the latter. Faculties are expected to use this platform to develop the students towards a life time of research and publication and ensuring that the research processes address the needs and demands of the communities we serve. Faculties were further expected to use this event to plan and facilitate multidisciplinary research.

In Medicine we have long realized that the true value of research that takes us beyond personal promotion or passing a degree programme is where that research product either results in a change in practice, policy change or formulation of new policies founded on solid evidence. We are driven by the knowledge that health outcomes can only improve when practice is guided by

evidence and the health delivery system itself can only improve on the basis of relevant health system research.

For that reason, therefore, we moved our Faculty Research Day outside the University so that we receive research papers from both Faculty members as well as practitioners in the field. Further, in order to facilitate the process of translation of research into policy formulation and/or review and to effect a change in practice, we took the event out of Faculty premises. We therefore named it: **The Annual Medical Research Day** to reflect that context.

We would wish and do encourage prospective presenters to respond to the Call for Papers by delivering research papers that fall within the Framework of that year's Theme. At the same time, we equally encourage presentations which may have absolutely nothing to do with the Theme. Indeed, if one looks at our previous Programmes, some of our best papers have been empirical research papers. Notwithstanding, the purpose of creating a Theme is to ensure that a subject area is explored as deeply and as widely as possible. The theme is expected to be topical.

We encourage attendance at the Annual Medical Research Day by members of staff of the College, trainees within the College, all health professionals in practice anywhere in Zimbabwe. We welcome members of research communities and policy makers in Health. Such a collection of stakeholders has the capacity of evaluating the worth of research findings thus facilitating translation into practice.

We wish trainers to use this platform to expose their trainees to the culture of research results sharing (publication) and encourage the concept of translating research results into policy and practice change. The event is an opportune moment to prepare our trainees for presenting at national, regional and international stage.

A. There are ten prizes to be won on the day:-

- (1) Clinical Paper
- (2) Biomedical Science Paper
- (3) Social Science Paper
- (4) National AIDS Council Prize
- (5) Undergraduate Student's Paper
- (6) Postgraduate Student's Paper
- (7) Vice Chancellor Trophy
- (8) Poster Presentation
- (9) A Floating Trophy for the Best Provincial Paper
- (10) Best Overall Paper Prize

B. Please do not feel restricted by the **Theme**. You may submit podium presentations or abstracts on any health related topic you have worked on. Every research topic will be accepted.

C. **Closing date of receipt of Abstracts is Monday the 31<sup>st</sup> of August 2020 at 4:00pm.**

D. Abstracts should be presented with the following headings : *Title of Abstract, Introduction (Background), Justification, Objectives, Materials and Methods (participants, setting and study design, how the study was carried out, interventions and outcome measures used), Results, Discussion, Conclusion, Recommendations (where applicable) and Two (2) Key References.*

E. **POSTER PRESENTATION**

- Please note that for Poster Presentation you are required to adhere to the following instructions:-
  - Use short, concise phrases that summarize content instead of long sentences. It often helps the appearance of your poster if you use “bullets” to highlight each phrase or main idea.
  - No parts of your poster should contain more than a total of 25 lines of text.
- Further details pertaining to Poster Presentation can be obtained upon request from the Secretary, ICHE, on Telephone numbers : 02 791 630-9 Ext 2258/2378 /2319/2155

F. **The Presenters are allowed ten (10) Minutes for the presentation and five (5) Minutes for discussion.**

- Note that you are restricted to use **Font, Arial, 11** when typing your Abstract.
- You are also requested to **submit both hard and soft copies of your abstract (s)** to the Secretary of the Institute of Continuing Health Education or you can e-mail your abstract to the following e-mail address :- [iche.uzchs@gmail.com](mailto:iche.uzchs@gmail.com).  
**Please use Microsoft WORD.**
- Your Abstract should fit in on one page with a frame size 16cm x 21cm. [See attached Copy of the Abstract Form].
- Your Abstract should use the indicated format and headings.

G. **Category of Submitted Abstract(s)**

For the purposes of the competition for prizes you should indicate your desired category for your abstract guided by the following:-

1. Clinical Papers
2. Biomedical Science Papers
3. Undergraduate Students Paper
4. Postgraduate Students Paper
5. Poster Presentation
6. Social Sciences Paper
7. Provincial Paper

H. **Registration Fee will be Paid as follows:**

- (a) US\$20.00 per head for full-time Health Professional Principals in Public Practice
- (b) US\$20.00 per head for Private Practitioners
- (c) US\$10.00 per head for Postgraduate Students
- (d) US\$5.00 per head for Undergraduate Students
- (e) 50% of the normal Registration Fee per head for those presenting
- (f) USD \$50.00 per head for External Participants

**N.B.: The above-mentioned fee includes wholesome lunch plus full teas/coffee and the abstracts Booklet.**

**Participants will be able to swipe (Equivalent):**

- (a) From Monday 12<sup>th</sup> – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2020 in the Institute of Continuing Health Education**
- (b) On the day at Rainbow Towers**

- I. Registration and Abstract Forms should be collected from the Institute of Continuing Health Education, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Rooms 09,10 and 11, University of Zimbabwe College of Health Sciences, New Health Sciences Building, Mazowe Street, Avondale, Harare**
- J. Publications of the Proceedings will, as usual, be as a Special Supplement of the Central African Journal of Medicine.**
- L. For more details; or If you wish to be assisted in preparing the presentation, please contact the Institute of Continuing Health Education (ICHE) Secretariat on : 791630-9 Ext 2258 / 2155 / 2378 or Email Address:- [iche.uzchs@gmail.com](mailto:iche.uzchs@gmail.com)**

We look forward to your participation at this important meeting.

Yours sincerely



**Dr T L Magwali**  
**Acting Director, ICHE**

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