



Pan-African Diabetic Foot Study Group (PADFSG)

Invitation to 4th Pan-African Diabetic Foot Study Group

9th to 12th September 2018

Message from Chairman & Founder of Pan-African Diabetic Foot Study Group:



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We are delighted to have the 4th Pan-African Diabetic Foot Study Group conference in Abuja, Nigeria. The event is to be held on the 9th to 12th September 2018 in Abuja, Nigeria.

Diabetes is a serious chronic disease that needs urgent attention. In 2017, the global prevalence of diabetes was estimated at 425 million. This figure is predicted globally to reach 628.6 million (55% increase) by 2045. In Africa the total number of people with diabetes was 16 million in 2017 and this will increase to 41.4 million by 2045. At the same time diabetic foot complications will increase. Every 20 seconds a limb is lost due to diabetes. Approximately 15% of all people with diabetes will be affected by a foot ulcer during their lifetime. Up to 85% of amputations in relation to people with diabetes are preceded by a foot ulcer.

You are cordially invited to participate in this three day international diabetic foot meeting. The meeting aims to provide up to date information regarding the prevention and management of the diabetic foot in Africa. A variety of well- known international speakers, specialist in the field of diabetic foot will present state of the art lectures. Beside lectures there will be workshops focusing on useful information for daily clinical practice.

We have put together an exciting scientific program of the most recent, evidence based and best practice that will underpin the improvement in diabetic foot care, treatment and management adapted to African region. We have 15 lectures by diabetic foot specialists, 4 workshops and co-operate symposium on diabetic foot.

I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the beautiful city of Abuja, Nigeria.