

Adopt A Delegate information

Cape Town, 15-17 November 2011 (www.emssa2011.co.za)

Adoption: *“(to) legally take (another’s child) and bring it up as one’s own”*

Responsible: *“having an obligation to do something, or having control over or care for someone”*

Compact Oxford English Dictionary of Current English, Third Edition

Key features:

1. Most developing countries do not have sufficient infrastructure or the economic prowess to adequately prepare for, or deal with, the effects and after effects of a disaster (natural or man-made).
2. Developing world delegates can be adopted by developed world peers.
3. The adoption of a delegate from a developing country (through sponsorship) will provide the delegate with the opportunity to attend this conference on education and training in Emergency Medicine.
4. Adopted delegates will have the opportunity to present details of their local situation at the conference, thereby creating awareness which in turn could induce assistance from their sponsors and developed world peers.
5. Ownership of the project is encouraged by allowing adopted delegates to self-finance part of their attendance.
6. International emergency medicine ties will be improved, potential outreach opportunities exposed and the corporate responsibility of sponsors promoted.

Introduction:

‘16,000 people worldwide die each day of injuries, twice the number as from HIV. Most of these deaths occur in countries with no existing training, education, public health initiatives or infrastructure to handle these emergencies. Emergency Medicine in the Developing World addresses these problems, and offers solutions for health care providers, policy makers, systems analysts and development specialists.’

Dr. Maureen McCunn, International Trauma Anesthesia and Critical Care Society

Emergency Medicine In The Developing World **Adopt A Delegate** Project...

...for the EMSSA conference, Cape Town, 15-17 November 2011

The World Health Organization recognises that each year more than 100 million people worldwide sustain injuries, more than five million people die from violence and injury and that a disproportionate part of the global burden of violence and injury mortality occur in developing countries. Nelson Mandela was not wrong when he said that education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world. But it is also true that genius without education is like silver in the mine.

'I enjoyed every session that I attended and wished that some of the sessions were not parallel as that would have afforded me maximum participation...'

Dr. Olawunmi Fatusi (Adopted delegate 2009, Nigeria)

'A world class conference in a beautiful city, spiced with renowned EM speakers. I am so happy to have participated thanks to my sponsors...'

Dr. Maxwell Osei-Ampofo (Adopted delegate 2009, Ghana)

'It was really a fantastic conference in which many delegates from every nook and corner of the Globe had made their fabulous contributions on Emergency medicine. Really I had gained a lot from the deliberations of the conference and my gained experience is using in my trainings on Emergency medical care at our target area. I am just looking forward to attend the 2011 conference to acquire more knowledge and skills on emergency medicine...'

Dr. M.Gurudutt Prasad (Adopted delegate 2009, India)

In 2007, the first Emergency Medicine in the Developing World conference attracted more than 600 delegates from 44 countries.⁴ Several requests for financial assistance to attend the conference were made by developing world delegates. As the Emergency Medicine Society of South Africa (EMSSA) was unable to finance the requests, delegates from developing states were sparse. The EMSSA therefore decided to financially assist delegates from developing countries for the 2009 Emergency Medicine in the Developing World Conference. It was decided that mutual benefit would be achieved if a two-way sponsorship scheme was implemented. We dubbed it Adopt-a-Delegate. This simply meant that delegates from a more able background would provide financial assistance, in part, to delegates from a developing world background, thereby assisting in providing a means to attend. Through this process 13 delegates from a deprived background were able to attend the 2009 conference.

How does it work?

Delegates are carefully selected by a subcommittee of the EMSSA 2011 conference planning committee. The subcommittee is appointed by the chairperson of the conference planning committee, Prof Lee Wallis and is currently lead by Dr Stevan Bruijns.

1. Application for delegates OFFERING financial assistance:

(Henceforth collectively referred to as sponsors)

1. Application forms are available from www.emssa2011.co.za
2. Delegates can sponsor an applicant as part of a group or as sole sponsor. A primary sponsor needs to be appointed who can liaise with the subcommittee on behalf of the group (maximum of five group members allowed).
3. Sponsor(s) may choose to sponsor more than one applicant (see types of sponsoring)
4. Representation at the conference is desired, though not strictly required
5. **Delegate sponsors: a 5% discount on the cost of registration will apply**

2. Corporate sponsoring:

(Collectively referred to as sponsors as above)

1. Application forms are available for download from www.emssa2011.co.za
2. Each application should include a short company description of approximately 100-150 words which will be made available to the applicant prior to the conference
3. The sponsor may choose to sponsor more than one applicant (see types of sponsoring)
4. Representation at the conference is desired, though not strictly required

3. Types of sponsoring (note: sponsorship does not include airfare):

1. **Full:** R7535 (approximately \$1045, €725, £640) Conference registration, conference dinner and four nights' accommodation in Cape Town in close proximity of the conference venue
2. **Wildcard:** R1600 (approximately \$222, €155, £135) towards sponsorship fees incl. conference registration, conference dinner and four nights' accommodation in Cape Town. Approximately five wildcards makes up a full sponsorship.
3. **Multiple:** Full sponsorship of more than one delegate.
4. **Multiple wildcards:** Sponsoring more than one wildcard

4. Application for delegates REQUIRING financial assistance:

(Henceforth referred to as applicants)

1. Application forms are available from www.emssa2011.co.za
2. An applicant must be a resident of a developing country (or country in transition) according to the UN classification *
3. The applicant must be employed in an emergency medicine setting:
 - a. From a medical, nursing, pre-hospital background
 - b. This must be indisputably reflected in a detailed resume (containing at least three references) † and
 - c. Supported by a formal letter from the applicant's employer or local government
4. The applicant must include a personal letter of motivation to describe how the applicant's immediate emergency environment or his/ her country would benefit from his/ her attendance to the conference †
5. The applicant must include a letter of motivation from the local health authority supporting the application
6. Successful applicants will receive sponsorship for conference registration, conference dinner and four nights' accommodation in Cape Town in close proximity of the conference venue. **Applicants should note that sponsorship does not include airfare.**

* <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/methods/m49/m49regin.htm#developed>

† This document will be made available to sponsors prior to the conference

4. Allocation of applications

1. Applicants approved by the subcommittee will be allocated on a first received, first allocated basis
2. Sponsors will be allocated in a similar fashion unless specific request are made. In this instance, the subcommittee will endeavour to match applicants and sponsors as closely as reasonably possible. It has to be understood however that in most developing countries academic emergency medicine as a speciality does not exist and therefore subspecialties (i.e. paediatric emergency medicine) thereof are even less likely.
3. Allocations will be made irrespective of an applicant's country of residence, gender, race, ethnic origin, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, creed, disability, age, political views or religious beliefs
4. Once allocated, sponsors will be provided with the resume and letter of motivation written by the applicant, and contact details of the applicant. The subcommittee will encourage sponsors to make pre-conference contact with the applicant, although the sponsor can decide not to do so
5. The applicant will be provided with the short resume and contact details of their sponsor should the sponsor consent to this. The subcommittee will request applicants to await contact from their sponsor. If a sponsor has still not contacted the applicant a month pre-conference the matter can be taken up with the subcommittee, although the sponsor can decide to withhold personal information
6. In the unlikely event of an applicant or sponsor finding an attachment unworkable, the subcommittee will decide whether a reallocation is to be made (bearing in mind that all suitable sponsors or applicants may already be allocated at the time)

Equality in responsibility and management of funding

A partnership demands at least two active partners. By allowing applicants the opportunity to co-fund this venture, ownership is promoted with both partners on equal standing. Cooperation is therefore encouraged from the start of the venture. Responsibility for funding will be as follow:

1. Sponsors will be responsible for the funding of conference fees and accommodation[Ⓛ] of the developing world applicant
2. Applicants will be responsible for the funding of travel between their domicile and the conference venue
3. If a sponsor so wishes, s/ he may also fund the travel expense of an applicant. As this is not part of the adoption scheme, the sponsor will have to make this arrangement directly with the applicant. **The applicant can in no way insist on this privilege**
4. Management of funds (conference fees and accommodation booking) will be administrated through the conference subcommittee. In order to maintain transparency, a breakdown of funds received and allocated will be made available to all sponsors and the chairperson after the process has been completed. The chairperson will have the right to enquire as to the management of funding at any time
5. Details of sponsors and applicants will be kept in a password protected database accessible only to the subcommittee

[Ⓛ] Conference accommodation will be at the Capetonian hotel (or a suitable alternative should it be fully booked)

Disclaimer:

The Adopt a Delegate project encourages cooperation between sponsors and applicants in order to assist with conference attendance of developing world applicants. This may indeed act as a catalyst for more comprehensive involvement post-conference. However, the EMSSA can in no way guarantee or get involved in the post-conference rapport established between parties. This is nevertheless encouraged in the spirit of the project. The word adoption used in this document is meant to describe the sponsorship and partnership process (as stipulated) between the parties involved and not the formal legal meaning.