



2nd AFRICAN SYMPOSIUM on MYCOTOXICOLOGY

**“Mitigating mycotoxin contamination in the
African food and feed chain ”**

24 - 27 June 2018



FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

Mycotoxigenic fungi significantly effect the production, safety and trade of agricultural crops in Africa. Despite local and international efforts, the continent is plagued by mycotoxigenic fungi that contaminate crops and cause acute and chronic diseases in humans and animals. Rural communities are largely unaware of the perpetual poisoning of their daily diets; while producers and traders neither have the ability nor the resources to prevent infection.

Africans consume large quantities of maize, wheat, sorghum and groundnuts, and rely on these crops as a primary source of food and income. In 2004, acute poisoning of maize with aflatoxins resulted in the deaths of more than 100 Kenyans. Aflatoxins are also associated with liver damage and growth reduction of children in other parts of Africa. Additionally, other mycotoxins like fumonisins, trichothecenes and ochratoxins and their associated fungi; can also be harmful under favourable climatic conditions. To protect consumers and livestock against important mycotoxins, the USA and EU have implemented strict regulations for maximum allowable limits in food and feed. Such regulations are seldom implemented in African countries, and even less regulated, thereby discouraging international trade and impeding economic development on the continent.

In an effort to address the threat of mycotoxins to food production systems, health care and trade on the African continent; and following on from a successful 1st ASM held in 2015 in Zambia, it gives us great pleasure to announce this symposium to be held under the auspices of the International Society on Mycotoxicology (ISM).



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CONFERENCE THEMES

- Occurrence and importance of mycotoxins in African crops
- Mycotoxin testing methods for Africa
- Continental and international collaboration on mycotoxin research
- Mycotoxin management in an African context
- Monitoring and evaluation of technology uptake in Africa

ASM ORGANISING COMMITTEE

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REGISTRATION INFO

Delegate	Early bird Registration (before 25 Feb)	Late Registration (before 15 May)
Participant	\$ 450	\$ 550
Student	\$ 350	\$ 450
Accompanying person	\$ 250	\$ 350

Registration process to follow in next circular

Participant and student registration fee covers: Conference bag, identification badge, welcome reception, lunches & coffee breaks, conference dinners, access to all meetings including the gala dinner.

Accompanying fee covers: Welcome reception, identification badge, lunches & coffee breaks, conference dinners, including the gala dinner.

ACCOMMODATION

A special rate for accommodation during ASM 2018 has been negotiated with Leisure Lodge Beach and Golf Resort in Mombasa, Kenya.

Accommodation must be directly reserved with the hotel by quoting the reference code: ASM2018 to ensure negotiated rates.

Note that accommodation and any additional room charges are for your own account.



Description	Single Occupancy /night	Double Occupancy /night
Ocean front A	\$ 145	\$ 225
Ocean front B	\$ 145	\$ 225
Garden view	\$ 124	\$ 190
Palm wing (Students)	Less 20%	Less 20%

**Bookings can be made at
www.leisurelodgeresort.com**

Note that rates are applicable to delegates who check-in earlier or extend their stay.

