

**The 5th Annual Meeting of
The African Society of Human Genetics (AfSHG)
November 3-5, 2007**

Meeting Venue: National Research Center, Cairo, Egypt



INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

General information

- **Time Zone:** GMT +02.00
- **Phone Code:** +(20) 2 (for greater Cairo area).
- **Weekend:** Friday. Some businesses close on Saturday or Sunday as well. Shops and Stores are usually open on Friday, closed on Sunday.
- **Currency:** The Egyptian pound (i.e. LE) equals 100 piasters. The rate of currency exchange: \$1=~LE5.6; €1=~LE7.7 [at July, 26th 2007].

Weather

Weather in Egypt in fall is pleasant [actually it is sometimes referred to as the Egyptian spring]. The temperature during meeting days will be in the 20s degrees Celsius, at the high 20s during the day and low 20s during the

night. Be ready with a light sweater for cool weather during the evening, particularly if you are going on a boat ride or a cruise.

Banking services

Egypt is a cash community. ATM machines, cashing money on credit card, or changing traveler's checks are accessible at major hotels as well as any bank in the streets. The US Dollar is well received almost everywhere.

Health

Pharmacies are scattered around the city, and many are open 24 hours a day. In addition to filling prescriptions, pharmacies sell perfume and cosmetics during regular working hours. For more information, check with the information desk at any hotel.

Visas requirements

Participants are required to obtain an entry visa from Egyptian diplomatic missions and consulates abroad.

Useful links for information about travel to Egypt:

www.2travel2egypt.com

www.completegypt.com

www.touregypt.net/

www.visitingegypt.com

For info about Dokki district:

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dokki>

<http://www.world66.com/africa/egypt/dokki>

http://travel.yahoo.com/p-travelguide-482894-dokki_egypt_vacations-i