

AFSHG 2003 FIRST ANNUAL MEETING

DAY 1, MONDAY, DECEMBER 8

SESSION 1

7.30 – 8.00 REGISTRATION AND CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST (REGISTRATION WILL CONTINUE ALL THROUGH THE CONFERENCE).

9:00-9:10 A.M. OPENING ADDRESS BY THE PROGRAM ORGANIZER. CHARLES N. ROTIMI, PHD (PROFESSOR AND DIRECTOR, GENETIC EPIDEMIOLOGY, NATIONAL HUMAN GENOME CENTER, HOWARD UNIVERSITY)

9:10-9:20 A.M. WELCOME AND OPENING ADDRESS. PROF. AGYEMAN BADU AKOSA, MBCH.B, DCP, MRCPATH, FRCPATH, DIPRPATH, FWACP (DIRECTOR GENERAL, GHANA HEALTH SERVICE), ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF GHANA

9:20-10:00 A.M. KEYNOTE SPEAKER: GENOMIC SCIENCE AND HUMAN EVOLUTIONARY HISTORY: UNDERSTANDING THE ROLE OF AFRICA. SHOMARKA OMAR KEITA, MD, DPHIL

10:00-10:15 A.M. DISCUSSION

10:15-10:25 A.M. COFFEE BREAK

SESSION 2

10:25-11:05 IMPACT OF THE HUMAN GENOME PROJECT ON THE FUTURE OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN AFRICA. CLEMENT ADEBAMOWO, MD (PROF OF SURGERY, DIVISION OF ONCOLOGY, UNIVERSITY COLLEGE HOSPITAL, IBADAN, NIGERIA; DEPARTMENT OF NUTRITION, HARVARD SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH, BOSTON, USA)

11:05-11:20 A.M. DISCUSSION

11:20-NOON GENOMIC VARIATION IN THE AFRICAN DIASPORA: IMPLICATION FOR UNDERSTANDING DIFFERENTIAL DISTRIBUTION OF DISEASES. GEORGIA M. DUNSTON, PHD (PROFESSOR AND FOUNDING DIRECTOR, NATIONAL HUMAN GENOME CENTER, HOWARD UNIVERSITY)

NOON-12:15 DISCUSSION

12:15-12:55 BIO-BANKING IN AFRICA: THE GAMBIA NATIONAL DNA COLLECTIONS. GIORGIO SIRUGO, MD, PHD (HEAD, LABORATORY OF HUMAN GENETICS MRC, THE GAMBIA)

12:55-1:10 DISCUSSION

1:10-2:00 GROUP LUNCH

SESSION 3

2.00 – 2:40 ETHICAL CHALLENGES IN GENOMIC AND GENETIC RESEARCH IN AFRICA: IMPLICATIONS FOR INFORMED CONSENT AND IRB PROTOCOL REVIEW. PATRICIA A. MARSHALL, PHD (ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, DEPARTMENT OF BIOETHICS, CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE).

2.40 – 2:55 DISCUSSION

2.55 – 3:35 ETHICS IN THE CURRICULUM OF BIOMEDICAL AND RELATED PROGRAMS IN AFRICA: PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE. OLAYEMI OMOTADE, MD (PROFESSOR OF PEDIATRICS AND CHILD HEALTH, UNIVERSITY COLLEGE HOSPITAL, IBADAN, NIGERIA; DR. OMOTADE ALSO HAS A MASTER'S DEGREE IN BIOETHICS FROM CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY IN CLEVELAND, OHIO)

3.35 – 3:50 DISCUSSION

3.50 – 4:00 COFFEE BREAK

4.00 – 4.40 BIOINFORMATICS: WHAT IS ON THE GROUND IN AFRICA AND WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE? RAPHAEL ISOKPEHI (BIOINFORMATICIAN, SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL BIOINFORMATICS INSTITUTE, UNIVERSITY OF THE WESTERN CAPE)

4.40 – 4.55 DISCUSSION

4.55 – 5.30 SUMMARY AND PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

DAY 2, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9

SESSION 4

8:00 – 8:30 REGISTRATION CONTINUES (CONTINENT BREAKFAST)

9:00-9:30 GENOMICS AND GENETICS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES. MELANIE NEWPORT, PHD (WELLCOME TRUST RESEARCH FELLOW AND HONORARY CONSULTANT IN INFECTIOUS DISEASES, DEPARTMENT OF MEDICINE, UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE)

9:30-9:45 DISCUSSION

9:45-10:15 THE AFRICAN DIASPORA: AN OPPORTUNITY TO STUDY GENE-ENVIRONMENT INTERACTION. CHARLES ROTIMI, PHD (PROFESSOR AND DIRECTOR, GENETIC EPIDEMIOLOGY, NATIONAL HUMAN GENOME CENTER, HOWARD UNIVERSITY)

10:15-10:30 DISCUSSION

10:30-10:45 COFFEE BREAK

10:45-11:15 GENOMIC SCIENCE AND CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE RESEARCH IN AFRICA AND THE DIASPORA. SCOTT WILLIAMS, PHD

11:15-11:30 DISCUSSION