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Re: Application for ISHAM sponsorship for the ICC10 - **Final meeting report**

Tuesday, June 27, 2017

Dear Prof. Wieland Meyer

Below you can see the final meeting report on ISHAM's sponsorship for the ICC10

Final meeting report ICC10

The 10th International Conference on *Cryptococcus* and Cryptococcosis (ICCC10) was made possible thanks to the efforts of each member of the Organizing and Scientific Committees. The ICC10 meeting organizers are grateful to the following sponsors for their financial and logistic support: Fundação Oswaldo Cruz-Fiocruz, ISHAM, CAPES, CNPq, WBF, NIH, SBMy, and SBM.

The ICC10 was attended by 285 participants, including 171 scientists and clinicians, and 114 students, widely distributed across many countries of all Continents. The participants per country were: Brazil 129, United States 69, United Kingdom 15, Australia 9, Colombia 8, Argentina 7, China 7, France 6, Canada 5, South Korea 4, and the remaining 26 from Chile, Venezuela, Mexico, Cuba, Belgium, Germany, The

Netherlands, Italy, Spain, India, Israel, South Africa, Uganda, Taiwan, Japan and Thailand 1 (one) each.

The program had 45 lectures, 11 oral presentations and 214 posters (Annex 1). In a scenario of great interactivity, the meeting occurred with ample participation and energy, passion and curiosity, putting together students, young scientists and senior researchers. Fundamental aspects related to the late diagnosis of cryptococcosis in developing countries, the approaches and resources necessary to provide its early diagnosis in HIV/AIDS patients, and the endemic-epidemic of cryptococcosis by *C. gattii* in the Americas, were discussed.

The ICC10 meeting also aimed to promote the meeting of Latin American researchers composing the **Latin American Cryptococcosis Network** and the **Brazilian Cryptococcosis Network**, discussing and updating mortality data, late diagnosis aspects, new resources for early diagnosis and easy access to essential antifungal drugs for the treatment of cryptococcosis in Latin American countries. This objective was fulfilled through the first activity held on Sunday, March 26, 2017, the **Latin American Symposium**, with 15 sessions and 149 participants, 75 scientists and clinicians, and 74 students (Brazil 70, Argentina 3, Venezuela 1).

The significant participation of Latin American students in this first activity, as well as in the other activities of the ICC10, was fortunately achieved thanks to a substantial enrollment discount, largely funded by the financial support provided by the International Society for Human and Animal Mycology (ISHAM) of CHF 10,000.00, which added R\$ 30.286,67 to our global budget. This amount was totally used to cover part of the student's discount, which loaded ICC10 expenses with R\$ 88,218.46: R\$ 48,204.75 for 71 Latin American students and R\$ 40,013.71 for 41 students from other countries (=not Latin American). Moreover, 6 scholarships were provided to 3 participants from Latin America and another 3 from other countries, loading the budget with additional expenses of R\$ 7,590.00.

In addition, at the end of the meeting, 10 papers submitted by students were selected and awarded with US\$ 1,000.00, paid in cash by a financial assistance from NIH-USA. Another 9 students from the USA and Canada received financial aid from US\$ 1,000.00 of the Burroughs Wellcome Fund - BWF.

During ICC10, Dr. June Kwon-Chung was honored for her worldwide leadership and recognized researches in the field of Medical Mycology, especially for her tremendous contribution to the study of cryptococcosis and its agents. During the homage, after a speech by Dr. John Perfect, Dr. Kwon-Chung received a symbolic plaque of recognition from the Brazilian Society of Mycology SBMy and another plaque from the SBM Brazilian Society of Microbiology.

Also during the ICC10 meeting there was conducted an election to select one of the two candidates, China and Uganda, to harbor the next ICC11, to be held in 2020. By voting, the majority of the participants voted for Uganda, indicated to host the ICC11.

The *Memórias do Instituto Oswaldo Cruz*, the most cited journal of biological and biomedical research in Latin America, found at <http://memorias.ioc.fiocruz.br> will

publish a special issue dedicated to the meeting with review articles on the 10 most relevant topics presented at the ICC10.

The abstracts presented at ICC10 will remain available online at www.cdt.fiocruz.br .

To finalize, the organizers of the ICC10 would like to thank ISHAM for its generous continuous support for this meeting series.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'B. Wanke', written in a cursive style.

Bodo Wanke
Organizing Committee - ICC10