



First Announcement

The **MIH – Mediterranean Institute of Haematology**, in collaboration with: International Institute of Social, Medical and Anthropological Sciences (IISMAS) organises the 5th International congress:

Blood and Skin – new perspectives for neglected diseases

25 -28 November 2015

Addis Ababa - Axum

Opening Session: November 25 in Addis Ababa

Subsequent Sessions: November 26-28 in Axum and in Sheraro



Dear Colleagues and Friends,

We have just celebrated our 25th anniversary of presence in Ethiopia – first as San Gallicano’s Hospital, NIHMP, IISMAS and today as M.I.H, Mediterranean Institute of Haematology -. We have been collaborating with local institutions in the field of public health to grant the right to wellness to the entire population, especially the most vulnerable persons. Over the last four editions we were able to observe many changes. This fifth edition will represent a further occasion to see the developments of our “International Congress” as well as of the entire Country.

We are pleased to call an international meeting aiming at gathering figures that help tackling different health and social

issues *in action*, in order to study and debate crucial questions about global health between North and South of the world. Our invitation then, is to come to Ethiopia for the 5th edition of the International Congress '**Blood and Skin- new perspectives for neglected diseases**' which will be held in Addis Ababa and Axum between 25 – 28 Nov. 2015. Besides health professionals, dermatologists, haematologists, the Congress is open to anthropologists, sociologists, journalists and all specialists interested in elaborating in-depth strategies for increasing the availability and affordability of resources in countries where poverty diseases are more widespread or neglected. This includes promoting and supporting research, strengthening primary health systems, studying the socio-political and cultural contexts, improving collaboration with the local communities and health workers in shared action plans.

Social events, excursions, meeting with local communities, observing the geopolitical context and the latest political events, will also be an important part of the Congress, as to let everybody get a great chance to improve relationships among colleagues from all over the world, share ideas and impressions, deepen the knowledge of different situations, as well as discovering the hospitality, the history and the beauties of a particularly interesting Country.

See you in Ethiopia!



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