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Shajara means diary in Swahili and is your opportunity to promote emergency care related events happening in Africa. Everyday on our continent, individuals and groups are involved in activities to improve either directly or indirectly, emergency care for patients. The goal is to develop the AfJEM community into a supportive, interactive network. We encourage anyone teaching, developing or supporting events in Africa to tell us about their activities in order to promote their upcoming events. Email Shajara at africandiary@afjem.com.

2011 was a big year for Emergency Medicine in Africa. The EMSSA 2011 conference in Cape Town drew nearly 800 delegates from across the world to network, instruct and share their knowledge. Highlights of the conference included Keynote talks by Profs. Joe Lex, Rob Rogers and Joe O’Neill. All the conference presentations will be available as open source on www.freeemergencytalks.net courtesy of Prof. Joe Lex. The AFEM forum on Emergency Medicine in Africa was attended by over 100 delegates and spurred some lively discussion and debate. Each of the working groups will continue working to develop consensus documents on the key topics, namely: Prehospital care, Emergency systems, Emergency Nursing and Emergency Medicine Post-graduate Education. We look forward to further work from these groups.

AFEM EXCO elections

The first AFEM general meeting and election was held on 17 November 2011. Prof. Lee Wallis of South Africa was voted as the first elected Chairperson with Dr. Conrad Buckle of Ghana as the Vice-chair. Congratulations to the new executive committee and good luck with the further development of the organisation.

www.afem.info.

Aeromed Africa

The inaugural Aeromed Africa International Conference and Exhibition will be held in Cape Town at the CTICC from 13 to 16 March 2012. Hosted by the South African Red Cross Air Mercy Service the focus of the conference is on the role and contribution of Aero-Medical services to healthcare service delivery particularly in poorly resourced environments. For more details contact Carmen Stone (carmen@ams.org.za).


Appeal for content

We would like to appeal for contributions, stories or events that you would like to share with the African Emergency Medicine community. Nothing is too big or too small. If you need more details contact Shajara at africandiary@afjem.com.
Upcoming EM Conferences 2012

- CAEP 2012, 2–6 June, Niagara Falls (www.caep.ca).
- 7th European Congress on Emergency Medicine, 3–6 October, Antalya, Turkey (www.eusem2012.org).

Other relevant conferences

- Mediconex Cairo Health 18–20 April 2012, Cairo, Egypt (www.mediconex.net).
- Desert Wilderness Medicine 17–23 June 2012, Windhoek, Namibia (www.expeditionmedicine.co.uk).
- 5th Annual Update in Altitude and Expedition Medicine 25 June–5 July 2012 Arusha, Tanzania (www.mote.net.au/).