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Shajara means diary in Swahili and is your opportunity to promote emergency care related events happening in Africa. Every day in 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.

With so many exciting events happening in the near future, is it possible that Shajara can come up with even more exciting news? No the Olympic Games are not coming to an African venue. In fact, a little birdie told Shajara that the EMSSA Emergency Medicine Conference 2013 is due to be held in the mother city from 5th to 7th November in 2013. You can join the conference mailing list on www.emssa2013.co.za and be updated as it happens (Shajara joined twice for a double scoop on the action). Shajara has taken some notes on how to conduct a great conference at the recent ICEM conference in Dublin in Ireland and will pass these to the EMSSA2013 local organising committee. Shajara’s main recommendation would be to put an early order in for sunshine, as the rain in Dublin got this editor’s African bones a bit too wet for his liking. It was still a great conference, but armed with all the notes Shajara has made and coupled with the fact that it will be in Cape Town (where else?), EMSSA2013 is steadily on track to be even better.

Ethiopian Society of Emergency Medicine Professionals Conference, 2–3 October 2012

Shajara would like to celebrate the formation of the Ethiopian Society of Emergency Medical Professionals (ESEMP). The Society aims to assist in the development of Hospital and Pre-Hospital Emergency Care. Dr. Sisay Teklu has been elected as the first President. The new society will be hosting its first conference in October. We look forward to more exciting developments from Ethiopia.

www.esemp.org


Shajara understands that this conference will review the progress on action to date; reinforce the co-operation between road safety stakeholders; deliberate on measures and further actions which can be taken to strengthen institutional capacity, provision of safe road infrastructure, safer vehicles, safer road users, education, awareness and enforcement to ensure that fatalities and serious injuries are reduced over the period covered by the UN Decade of Action on Road Safety.

www.asphaltacademy.co.za

African Conference on Emergency Medicine, 30 October to 1 November 2012

Time is running out for registration for this very first AFEM conference to be held in Accra, the vibrant capital of Ghana.

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The speaker line-up promises to be big and exciting. If you do not believe me, visit the conference website and have a gander at the programme for a taste of what is in store. There are still a few sponsorships available through the Adopt-a-delegate project (details are on the website). If you want to donate to this programme and make an African delegate’s day, you can also do this, courtesy of the World Wide Web at an internet connection near you (details are also on the website).

www.afcem2012.com

Third WONCA Africa Region Conference, 22–24 November 2012

WONCA is an unusual acronym for the World Organization of National Colleges, Academies and Academic Associations of General Practitioners/Family Physicians, who will be holding their African regional conference at a lovely setting that is the Victoria Waterfalls. Shajara was planning to bungee from the falls, but given his phobia of all things higher than the kitchen chair, it may just mean that a dip in the mighty Zambesi would be a more sensible option (if one of the other delegates would agree to be on crocodile watch).

www.3rdwoncaaficaregionconf.org

EMSSA Emergency Medicine Symposium, 24–25 November 2012

The EMSSA is once again bringing its members a great two day symposium which will be held in South Africa’s own city of gold: Johannesburg. In addition to the main programme, the local organising committee will also host workshops on both the 23rd and 26th. Go to the conference website to register for this event, submit your abstract or review the programme. Shajara reckons one can go to WONCA and EMSSA2012 and still work in a post conference workshop in Johannesburg if one has got a good travel planner. It is going to be a busy November.

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