

**Pan African Association of Neurological Sciences  
Association Pan Africaine des Sciences Neurologiques**

***Final Announcement and call for Abstracts  
XVIIth PAANS Congress Lagos, August 8-11, 2006***

The members of the executive committee of the Nigerian Society of Neurological Sciences (NSNS) and the Local Organizing Committee are happy to announce the date and venue of the 17<sup>th</sup> Congress of the Pan African Association of Neurological Sciences. **The Congress will hold in Lagos at the Agip Recital Hall of the Music Society of Nigeria (MUSON) Centre between 8<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> of August , 2006.**

The Congress venue is located in a quiet and exclusive area of Lagos which is the economic nerve-centre of Nigeria. There is ample facility for shopping, recreation and sight seeing. The elegant and well-equipped MUSON Centre is located within a short distance from the National Museum and the newly-opened City Mall. Security is guaranteed.

**The themes are:**

**STROKE  
NEUROTRAUMA  
CNS TUMORS  
NEURODEGENERATIVE DISEASES**

***Subtheme: HIV / AIDS***

The Congress will begin with *Continuing Education Programme* on recent advances in Neurology and will feature *Plenary Sessions* on the main themes. Leading experts from all over the world have been invited to make seminal presentations on their cutting edge research. *Platform presentations* during symposia on the main themes, *oral presentations during parallel sessions* and *daily poster display* will be organized in very comfortable environments. The Congress will facilitate collaborations between Neuroscientists working in Africa and the rest of the world. There will also be opportunities for *Free Communications*. Bilingual translation will be available. *Post-Congress tours* to be arranged will include visits to some of the best beaches in the world.

**Congress Fees:**

<b>FULL DELEGATE (Early bird registration before May 31, 2006)</b>	<b>USD 150</b>
<b>FULL DELEGATE (After May 31, 2006 or On-site)</b>	<b>USD 200</b>
<b>RESIDENTS (Proof required)*</b>	<b>USD 150</b>
<b>ACCOMPANYING PERSON</b>	<b>USD 50</b>
<b>CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAMME ONLY</b>	<b>USD 50</b>

\* Includes attendance of one-day continuing education programme.

**How to Register:**

Internet Registration: please visit the AJNS (African Journal of Neurological Sciences) WEBSITE: <http://mine.nu>  
[www.paans2006.com](http://www.paans2006.com) (registration)  
email: [paans2006@yahoo.com](mailto:paans2006@yahoo.com)

Hard copy registration: Complete the registration form and return to the conference secretariat (details below). Forms will be accepted by post.

PAANS 2006 registration office

c/o Prof Yomi Ogun

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**Method of payment**

Payment of fees must accompany all registration forms and made payable to PAANS 2006. No registration will be confirmed until payment is received.

Payment can be made by the following methods

Bank certified cheques, bank drafts (Nigeria delegates only) and or international money order should be in Nigerian Naira and made payable to PAANS 2006.

Cancellation of Registration : Deadline 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2006

Cancellation must be made in writing to the conference secretariat

Cancellations prior to 30-06-06 will receive full refund minus N5000 Administrative fees. Cancellation received after 30<sup>th</sup> of June, 2006 will not be refunded. Substitute delegate will be accepted and must be advised in writing.

**Currency:** Decimal currency is used in Nigeria – units are Naira and Kobo. Current exchange rates can be obtained from your bank. Major credit cards are acceptable in very few centres. The exchange rate as at March 2006 is USD =N145 Naira.

**Banks**

Banks in Nigeria are open from 8.00a.m to 4.00p.m Monday through Friday. Banks are closed all day on Sunday while some open in the early hours of Saturday.

**Time:**

Local time in Lagos is Greenwich meantime (GMT) + 1 hour

**Electricity:** The electrical supply is 200-220 volts.

**Climate:** In Lagos, August is a raining season and you could look forward to temperature of 25 – 28<sup>o</sup> C during the day and much less at night. Raincoats may be useful.

### **Shopping:**

Shops open from 7.00a.m to 6.00p.m with late night shopping for open market. A shopping mall (CITY MALL) is close to the venue of the conference

### **Transport from Airport**

The congress would provide transfers from the Airport to conference Hotels. For those with pre-arranged transportation, the following are estimates

Taxi: Approximately N2000.00 from the airport

Public Transport around Lagos: Lagos public transport is by Buses and Taxis or unlicensed mini-cabs and Okada (Motor bike) and allow easy travel round the city.

Mini – cabs and Okada are however discouraged.

The appropriate visa for delegates:

Nigeria welcomes visitors from all African countries. Anyone wishing to travel to Nigeria apart from delegates from the West African countries (ECOWAS) must have a valid passport and the appropriate Nigerian visa. A short stay visitor visa suffices

Participants wishing to submit abstracts should conform to this specification:

Abstracts should contain materials not published before or presented elsewhere prior to August 8, 2006. The abstracts should be structured as follows: **Name of Author(s); Address or Affiliation; Background of Study; Objectives; Methodology; Results; Discussion and Conclusions.** Each Abstract should not exceed 250 words and should be typed double-spaced with font size 11 or 12. The name of the presenting author should be underlined. Provision of English or French translation of the Abstract (as appropriate) if included will be appreciated.

Kindly specify whether Oral Presentation or Poster and the Theme preferred.

Abstracts should be sent electronically to Prof. Tayo Sokunbi, Chairman, Scientific Committee (e-mail addresses:paans2006@yahoo.com, tayosokunbi@yahoo.com)) **and an acknowledgement would be sent within three days of receipt.**

Accepted abstracts of those who registered for the Congress will be published in the Book of Proceedings of the Congress and on **CD-ROM. A copy of the abstract book and CD ROM will be given to all delegates who register / attend the conference**

**Scholarships for Residents and young consultants:** Up to 20 scholarships will be awarded and up to a maximum amount of \$1,000:00 will be given irrespective of location. This must be abstract-driven. Accepted abstract, age below 35 years and/or less than 2 years post Fellowship qualification are the strict criteria to be used. Those interested are to apply to the Secretary LOC.

**Accommodation:**

**Find below the hotel Tariff for most hotels within the vicinity of the conference venue**

**Hotel Tariff:**

Hotel names	Std room	Double room	Executive room	Suite	Distance from venue and time	Remarks (Deposit)
Sofitel Ikoyi	\$340		\$350	\$410		
Eko hotel	\$150 (Classic)		\$200 (superior)	\$500 (classic)		
B-Jay	\$195		\$235	\$385		
Prokard	\$280		\$300	\$385		
NIMR Nig Inst of Med Research	N4,000 - 6000 (\$30 45)	N5000- 8000 \$\$40- 60		N10000 \$75		6000 – 10,000 \$40-75
UniLag Guest House	N1400 \$10	N3500 \$30	N5500 \$40	N8000 \$60		Bed & breakfast
LUTH visitor's lodge	N3,000 (\$25)	4000 \$30				
Federal Palace Hotel	\$200 - 240		250-280	\$300-480		
Johnson Hotel Ebute-metta	N6700 \$60 (double)	N7000 \$60 (Twin)		N7500 \$65 (Exec. double)		
Our Lady of Apostle Coventry	N1800 \$15			5000 \$40		

You are encouraged to book your accommodation through the conference secretariat to ensure that you receive very competitive rate.

Accommodation will not be confirmed until a deposit of one night is received.

The deposit will be forwarded to your hotel and will be credited to your room account.

**Deadline for accommodation Booking**

The secretariat has an obligation to return all unused room to the hotel on 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2006. Thereafter accommodation bookings and rates received after that date can not

be guaranteed. The rates quoted are only valid for booking made prior to 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2006

**Cancellations**

No accommodation deposit will be refunded on or after 31<sup>st</sup> of July, 2006

**Group accommodation Booking:**

The conference secretariat offers organization the opportunity to book 10 or more rooms for the congress.

Please email the following details

Choice of hotel, No of rooms required, Check-in and out dates, Organisation

Contact E-mail

Please note these important dates:

Submission of Abstracts:	Ends April 30, 2006
Early Bird Registration:	Ends May 31, 2006
Notification of Abstract Acceptance:	May 31, 2006
Pre-Conference Educational Programme:	August 8, 2006
17 <sup>th</sup> PAANS Congress:	August 8-11, 2006
Post-congress Tours	August 11, 2006

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