

Welcome to Cytokines 2008!

CYTOKINES 2008 Starts Saturday, May 10th, 2008 in Kololi, Atlantic Coast, The Gambia

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[Preliminary Programme - The Current List of Participants, Contributors & Presentations is Here](#)

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Scope of the Meeting

Cytokines 2008 will cover the latest thinking on the role of cytokines in health and disease. Animal as well as human disease models will be addressed.

Some of the topics to be discussed include:

- Is cytokine storm good (or bad) for the host?
- Which cytokine levels correlate best with morbidity and mortality?
- Which cytokine levels correlate best with survival?
- Does the correlation depend on the pathogen?
- Does it depend on the host's species and/or strain?
- What agents are positive immunomodulators (raising cytokine levels)?
- Which are negative immunomodulators?

[Meeting Structure, Duration and Venues](#)

Be it due to a personal preference, or a hectic schedule - a conference programme of three days is too short for many scientists, while one of a week is just about right for some, but definitely too long for others.

The format of this uniquely structured meeting in the field therefore aims to be flexible enough to suit the needs, interests and available time of all participants.

The programme will be split into 2 distinct parts as below:

(Please note that the structure of the meeting is illustrated in full in the [Meeting Format PDF file](#))

Part 1 – Saturday, May 10th to Monday, May 12th, 2008

Venue – Paradise Suites Hotel, Kololi, Atlantic Coast, The Gambia

Three days of [oral](#) and [poster presentations](#), with a lot of time built into the programme for small group and one to one discussions.

If two or three days is all the time you can afford to be away from work at home, then participation in Part 1 will provide you with everything you need from a strong small meeting programme.

Part 2 – Tuesday, May 13th to Thursday, May 15th, 2008

Venue – Tendaba Camp and Conference Facility, The Gambia

A short symposium/retreat 'up country' in Central Gambia - talking science in the West African countryside.

Designed to take advantage of the tranquillity and natural beauty of the rural riverside location, which provides the perfect setting and atmosphere for flexible and relaxed discussions. Plenty of time will also be available for participants to take in some of the fantastic scenery, flora and fauna of the area, both on foot and by boat.

Meeting Format

The structure of the meeting and programme layout is illustrated in full in the Meeting Format PDF file:

[The Meeting Format in Full is Here](#) **

** Some of the details may change. The organizer reserves the right to make essential changes without notice between now and the starting date of the conference to better suit the final programme and the interests of confirmed participants.

The Scientific Programme of a Meeting with a Difference

From the point of inception - starting with the choice of location, venue and dates - the meeting will be organized somewhat differently than many conferences you may have participated in during your career.

We start [not with a list of invited speakers](#), but with a blank, [flexible programme](#), containing a number of as yet unclaimed oral presentation slots that will be filled in the coming months by dedicated researchers in the field of cytokine and related research who sign up to participate and who also demonstrate an interest in [presenting work during the meeting](#).

This approach might seem to be a little unorthodox - and perhaps it is - but it works!

It works extremely effectively in creating an excellent atmosphere for constructive scientific discussion and debate, and it serves to provide the perfect breeding ground for the initiation of a wide range of new relationships and collaborative efforts.

If Mangosteen's approach has one failing, it is only that more interested researchers don't trust and believe that such a differently organized meeting can be as effective, and of equal or greater value, as a traditional conference. This only serves to reduce the willingness of some excellent individual scientists to commit their time towards participating and making valuable contributions. This is a failure not of the approach itself, but in the communication of the approach - it's something that we as a new initiative are currently working hard to rectify - but yet it's a problem that quickly disappears once word of mouth spreads and more prospective participants begin to find and hold the belief that Mangosteen's approach can work for them too. If you intend to participate, please do spread the word amongst your colleagues in the field, your assistance here is invaluable.

If you are interested in participating in Cytokines 2008, but have your doubts about the manner of organization and ultimate strength of the programme, please don't believe the words of the organizer or waste any time reading further on - instead, please simply [take a look at the list of past participant testimonials from recent meetings](#) or contact one or more of the [past participants from conferences in related scientific fields](#) in order to ask for their opinions on the meeting that they attended - as well as on Mangosteen's overall approach to communicating research between colleagues in both the developed and developing worlds and on their experience in West Africa in general.

Who is This Meeting Targeted Towards?

Scientists, clinical researchers, students and others actively engaged in, or with a strong interest in, cytokine and related research.

Current List of Registered Participants, Contributors & Presentations

Tell a Friend or Colleague about Cytokines 2008

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Meeting Objectives

Other meeting organizers may offer a lengthy list of specific objectives that they want to see their conferences accomplish.

Mangosteen's objectives for this meeting are broader, non-specific and intentionally much more direct and uncomplicated:

To create a true forum for open interdisciplinary discussion in the field of cytokine research.

To help encourage members of the research community, from both the developed and developing worlds, to get talking, thinking and ultimately collaborating.

The results and successes of this meeting are not in the hands of the organizer, but are very much in the minds and the future work and projects of the participants.

Another of Mangosteen's objectives is not to require participants to spend more of their valuable research resources on attending this meeting than they absolutely need to: talk is cheap, and this will be a cost-effective meeting.

[Past Participant Testimonials & Quotes are Here](#)

[Recent Conference Photos are Here](#)

Anticipated Costs Incurred During the Meeting

The Budget Forecast PDF file below provides an estimate of the costs you will incur while in West Africa:

[Budget Forecast - Estimated Essential Expenditure While in West Africa](#)

Links to More Meeting Details

More Meeting Details are Here:
(also available in PDF format here)

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Sign Up to Participate in HIV/AIDS 2007

[The Registration Procedure is Here](#)

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Frequently Asked Questions

A list of Frequently Asked Questions on all possible aspects of the meeting and its organization can be found on the following pages -

[Frequently Asked Questions Pages are Here](#)

[Mangosteen's New Improved FAQ Section is Here](#)

Contact Us

Please contact the Meeting Organizer at any time, about any aspect of the Meeting.

The primary method of communication for this meeting is by email. Please email the meeting organizer Dr. Anthony England directly at england@mangosee.com

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