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■ Welcome to Kinetoplastid Diseases 2008!

After a highly successful first event in 2006,  
we are proud to introduce Mangosteem's second  
African Trypanosomiasis, Leishmaniasis and Chagas' Disease meeting:

## **Kinetoplastid Diseases 2008**

### **March 29th to April 3rd, 2008**

### **Kololi & Tendaba, The Gambia**

[Click Here to Download this Page and Related Information in PDF Format](#)

[Coming Soon - The Preliminary Programme & Current List of Participants, Contributors & Presentations will be Here](#)

[Practical Information for Confirmed Participants Only](#)

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■ Sign Up to Participate in Kinetoplastid Diseases 2008

[The Registration Procedure is Here](#)

[The Online Registration Form is Here](#)

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■ Meeting Structure, Duration and Venues

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

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

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

The programme will therefore be split into 2 distinct parts as follows:

### **Part 1**

**Saturday, March 29th to Monday, March 31st, 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.

With the meeting venue just a short walk from the main site of the International Trypanotolerance Centre ([www.itc.gm](http://www.itc.gm)), the meeting programme will also make time to visit the ITC to meet with staff members and discuss ongoing projects.

**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.**

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## Part 2

Tuesday, April 1st to Thursday, April 3rd, 2008

## Venue – Tendaba Camp and Conference Facility, Tendaba, The Gambia

A two day symposium/retreat in Senegal's sister nation of The Gambia - taking advantage of the tranquillity and natural beauty of the rural riverside location of Tendaba in the centre of the country - 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, on foot or by boat.

\*\* 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.

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### 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](#)

### Who is This Meeting Targeted Towards?

Scientists, clinical researchers, students and others actively engaged in, or with a strong interest in, human and/or animal kinetoplastid disease research.

The scope of the meeting aims to be intentionally broad - covering and comparing all three 'Tryp' diseases - Leishmaniasis, African Trypanosomiasis (Sleeping Sickness) and American Trypanosomiasis (Chagas' Disease).

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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 intentionally somewhat broader and less specific:

**To create a true forum for open interdisciplinary discussion in kinetoplastid and kinetoplastid disease 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](#)

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 **Current List of Registered Participants, Contributors & Presentations & The Preliminary Programme**

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 **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 to many conferences you may have participated in during your career.**

We start [not with a list of invited speakers](#), but with a [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 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 Kinetoplastid Diseases 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 of Kinetoplastid Diseases 2006](#) in order to ask for their opinions on the meeting - 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.

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■ [Tell a Friend or Colleague about Kinetoplastid Diseases 2008](#)

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■ [Links to More Meeting Details](#)

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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](#)

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## Contact the Organizer

Please feel free to 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](mailto:england@mangosee.com)

## Join the Mailing List

For meeting updates and to be added to the Mangosteen mailing list for individual meetings please complete the following form.  
(To be included in the general mailing list please select 'All Future Mangosteen Meetings')

Meeting of Interest:	<input type="text" value="Kinetoplastid Diseases 2008"/>
Your Name:	<input type="text"/>
Your Email Address:	<input type="text"/>
Your Institution:	<input type="text"/>
Comments or Questions:	<input type="text"/>
Where did you hear about the meeting(s):	<input type="text"/>
Please tell us the names/dates of other conferences in which you intend to participate in the months before/after the Mangosteen Meeting that is of interest to you:	<input type="text"/>
<input type="button" value="Submit Your Details"/>	