



APCA/WHPCA Palliative Care Conference Programme

PRE-CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES

Board Meetings	
Sunday 14 th August 2016	WHPCA Board of Directors Meeting
Monday 15 th August 2016	APCA Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday 16 th August 2016	Board Meeting of the International Association of Hospice and Palliative Care (IAHPC)

PRE-CONFERENCE SESSIONS: Tuesday 16th August 2016

08.00 – 09.00	Registration – African Palliative Care Research Network (APCRN) Workshop (Royal Palm Room)	Registration – 2 nd African Ministers of Health Session (by invitation only) (Victoria Ballroom)	Accelerating palliative care development in Western Africa: Interest group meeting (Regal Room) Chairs: Prof Olaitan Soyannwo, Nigeria & Dr Jonah Wefuan, Cameroon
09.00 – 10.30	APCRN Workshop (Royal Palm Room) Chairs: Ms Eve Namisango, APCA and Dr Richard Harding, United Kingdom		
10.30 – 11.00	TEA BREAK	Ministers of Health session starts	
11.00 – 13.00	APCRN workshop (continued)	Ministers of Health session (Victoria Ballroom) Hosted by: Hon Dr Aceng Jane Ruth, Minister of Health, Uganda Co-chair: Dr Bernard Tei Dornoo, Chair of Board of Directors, APCA	
13.00 – 13.45	LUNCH		
13.30 – 14.00	APCRN workshop (continued)	Ministers of Health session, Continued	
14.00 – 17.30			
17.30 – 18.00	TEA BREAK		
18.30	Opening Reception and Achievers' Awards, officiated by Hon Dr Aceng Jane Ruth, Minister of Health, Uganda – Poolside		

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME: 17th – 19th August 2016

Wednesday 17th August 2016

07.30	Registration	
08.00 – 08.10	Conference Chairs: <i>Dr Stephen Connor, WHPCA</i> <i>Dr Emmanuel Luyirika, APCA</i>	Welcome remarks Victoria Ballroom
PLENARY SESSIONS (Victoria Ballroom) <i>Chairs: Dr Bernard Tei Dornoo, Board Chair, APCA; Dr Liz Gwyther, Board Chair, WHPCA</i>		
08.10 – 08.40	Mr Dainius Puras, Special Rapporteur for Health, The United Nations Human Rights Council	The global and regional legal and regulatory frameworks for the provision of palliative care: The human rights and public health approach
08.40 – 09.10	Dr Faith Mwangi-Powell, The Girl Generation, Kenya	Differentiated care for diverse communities: What can palliative care learn from other fields of health?
09.10 – 09.40	Dr Margaret Agama-Anyetei, African Union Commission	Integrated versus parallel responses for infectious and non-communicable diseases: lessons for the future
09.40 – 09.50	Prof Jean-Marie Dangou, WHO Regional Office for Africa	Opening address
09.50 – 10.05	Dr Marie-Charlotte Bouësseau, Department of Service Delivery and Safety, WHO, Geneva	Keynote address
10.05 – 10.15	Dr Jacinto Amandua, Commissioner for Clinical Services, Ministry of Health, Uganda	Remarks on Uganda's progress on the 2014 World Health Assembly resolution on palliative care
10.15 – 10.30	Minister of Health, Uganda	Word of welcome
10.30 – 11.00	TEA BREAK AND POSTER VIEWING	
BREAKAWAY SESSIONS		

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	TRACK 1 Palliative care, human rights, policies and legislation (Albert Room) Chairs: <i>Ms Meredith Lwanga, Uganda/Tanzania</i> <i>Ms Sharon Baxter, Canada</i>	TRACK 2 Palliative care services and beneficiaries (Victoria Ballroom) Chairs: <i>Dr Israel Kolawole, Nigeria</i> <i>Dr Ednin Hamzah, Malaysia</i>	TRACK 3 Positioning palliative care in the global, regional, national and local health agendas to ensure its sustainability (Sheena Room) Chairs: <i>Mr Malik Jaffer, USA</i> <i>Mrs Jo Ecclestone Ford, The True Colours Trust, UK</i>	TRACK 4 The evidence base for palliative care (Meera Room) Chairs: <i>Prof Kouie Plo, Côte D'Ivoire</i> <i>Dr Richard Harding, UK</i>
11.00 – 11.15	How is palliative care part of the right to health? The South African evidence <i>Dr Liz Gwyther, South Africa</i>	Assessment of pain in cancer patients in the male surgical ward at Ndola Central Hospital <i>Ms Prospellina Ndhlovu, Zambia</i>	Integrating palliative care into national health systems in Africa: A multi-country intervention study <i>Dr Liz Grant, United Kingdom</i>	Developing an evidence base for palliative care in humanitarian crises <i>Dr Elysee Nouvet and Dr Lisa Schwartz, Canada</i>
11.15 – 11.30	Estimating the global need for children's palliative care <i>Dr Stephen Connor, WHPCA</i>	Common or multiple futures for end-of-life care around the world? Ideas from the 'waiting room of history' <i>Dr Shahaduz Zaman, United Kingdom</i>	Scaling up the provision of palliative care in nine Southern Africa countries: A multi-partnership programme <i>Ms Fatia Kiyange, APCA</i>	Depression symptoms among patients with cancer, diabetes, or cardiovascular or chronic respiratory disease in outpatient hospital settings: A two country study <i>Dr Beatrice Mwangomba, Malawi</i>
11.30 – 11.45	Best practices in developing a national palliative care policy in resource limited settings: Lessons from eight African countries <i>Dr Emmanuel Luyirika, Uganda</i>	The prevalence of depressive symptoms among NYHA Stage III/IV heart failure patients attending a South African public hospital: findings from a prospective self-report epidemiological study <i>Dr Sheilesh Dewan, Mauritius</i>	From the kitchen sink to automation: How modernisation of pharmaceutical manufacture of oral liquid morphine has changed the management of cancer pain in Uganda <i>Dr Eddie Mwebesa, Uganda</i>	Prevalence and severity of palliative care-related problems among outpatients diagnosed with cancer, diabetes, or cardiovascular or chronic respiratory disease: A two-country study <i>Dr Charlotte Buys, Namibia</i>
11.45 – 12:00	Questions and discussion	Questions and discussion	Questions and discussion	Questions and discussion

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12:00 – 12:15	Policy advocacy for improving access to controlled medicines in the context of UNGASS2016 and the SDGs <i>Dr Katherine Pettus, International Association for Hospice and Palliative Care</i>	“We speak but it’s superficial”: Patients’ perspectives of doctor–patient relationships through a serial qualitative interview study of patients living with advanced heart failure in Kenya <i>Dr Kellen Kimani, Kenya/Scotland</i>	Integrating children’s palliative care into health services in Malawi and Maharashtra State, India <i>Mrs Joan Marston, International Children’s Palliative Care Network</i>	An educational intervention to reduce pain and improve pain related outcomes for Malawian people living with HIV/AIDS and their family carers: RCT <i>Dr Kennedy Nkhoma, Malawi</i>
12:15 – 12:30	Improvement in the access to oral morphine in Rwanda for palliative care patients: The beginning of a success story <i>Mr J C Tayari, Rwanda</i>	Experience with childhood malignancies in southern Nigeria: A call to reposition palliative care <i>Dr Gracia Eke, Nigeria</i>	Introducing user fees and HBC insurance for palliative care sustainability: The ELCT experience <i>Dr Zebadia Mmbando, Tanzania</i>	Living and dying with heart failure in Uganda <i>Dr Elizabeth Namukwaya, Uganda</i>
12:30 – 12:45	Raising awareness and advocating for service provision and palliative care development through a one-day workshop with key stakeholders in Bujumbura, Burundi <i>Mr Bonne Ciza, Burundi</i>	Bereaved parents and resilience: Theirs and ours <i>Mrs Val Maasdorp, Zimbabwe</i>	Access to oral morphine: Developing national frameworks and mapping progress in Rwanda <i>Ms Diane Mukasahaha, Rwanda</i>	Mobile devices in palliative care services: A methodological approach to identifying use and implementation by service providers in Africa <i>Dr Matthew Allsop, UK</i>
12:45 – 13:00	Questions and discussion	Questions and discussion	Questions and discussion	Questions and discussion
13:00 – 13:45	LUNCH AND POSTER VIEWING			
WORKSHOPS				
13:45 – 15:00	Strategic advocacy for palliative care: Lessons from the field of health and human rights (Victoria Ballroom) <i>Chair/facilitator: Dr Faith Mwangi-Powell, The Girl Generation, Kenya</i>	Management of difficult pain and delirium among palliative care patients (Sheena Room) <i>Chair/Facilitator: Dr Carlos Centeno, University of Navarra, Spain</i>	Local reconstitution of oral liquid morphine: Examples of local reconstitution models and how to access technical assistance (Meera Room) <i>Chairs/Facilitators: Mr Chris Ntege, Uganda Ms Rosemary Canfua, Uganda Mrs Rinty Kintu, USA</i>	Palliative care within an overall cancer control approach (Albert Room) <i>Chair/Facilitator: Ms Nelly Enwerem-Bromson, International Atomic Energy Agency</i>

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15.00 – 15.30	TEA BREAK AND POSTER VIEWING			
WORKSHOPS				
15.30 – 17.00	Strategic advocacy for palliative care: Lessons from the field of health and human rights (continued) (Victoria Ballroom)	Filling the cracks: Tools for providing palliative care for children and young adults (Sheena Room) <i>Chair/facilitator: Ms Busi Nkosi, International Children's Palliative Care Network</i>	Palliative care education and mentorship (Meera Room) <i>Chairs/Facilitators: Mr Andrew Main and Ms Geraldine Main, United Kingdom</i>	Providing spiritual care in a palliative care setting (Albert Room) <i>Chairs/Facilitators: Mr James Wells, United Kingdom, and Fr Richard Bauer, USA/ Namibia</i>
MEET THE EXPERTS SESSION				
17.00 – 18.00	Advocating for cancer (Victoria Ballroom) <i>Dr Julie Torode, Union for International Cancer Control</i>	Access to controlled medicines (Sheena Room) <i>Dr Katherine Pettus, International Association for Hospice and Palliative Care</i>	Fundraising and other sustainability strategies (Albert Room) <i>Ms Mary Callaway, USA Mr James Wells, United Kingdom</i>	Morphine consumption data and reporting to the International Narcotics Control Board (Meera Room) <i>Dr Jim Cleary, USA</i>
17.00 – 18.30	APCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY (VICTORIA BALLROOM)			
18.30 – 20.00	LAUNCH OF THE ANNE MERRIMAN FOUNDATION (ALBERT ROOM)			

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07.30	Registration			
PLENARY SESSIONS (Victoria Ball Room) <i>Chairs: Ms Mary Callaway, USA; Ms Zodwa Sithole, South Africa</i>				
08.00 – 08.15	Mr Jude Musoke Ssekaddu, AON Uganda Limited	Making wellness and palliative care a key component in medical insurance packages		
08.15 – 08.45	Dr Stephen Watiti, Uganda	Experience as a doctor and a beneficiary of palliative care: It is not only about end of life and dying; it is also about living a quality and longer life.		
08.45 – 09.15	Dr Emmanuel Luyirika, APCA	Africa's progress against the 2016 World Health Assembly Resolution on palliative care, and lessons for the future		
09.15 – 10.15	Mrs Jo Ecclestone Ford, The True Colours Trust; Dr Meg O'Brien, American Cancer Society; Ms Ntokozo Dlamini, Open Society Initiative for Southern Africa	The funding landscape for palliative care – lessons for future integration: Panel discussion by donors		
10.15 – 10.30	Questions and discussion			
	Global Palliative Care Achievement Award			
10.30 – 11.00	TEA BREAK AND POSTER VIEWING			
BREAKAWAY SESSIONS AND WORKSHOP				
	TRACK 1 Palliative care, human rights, policies and legislation (Sheena Room) <i>Chairs:</i> <i>Prof Jose Pereira, Canada/APCA</i> <i>Dr Mhoira Leng, Uganda</i>	TRACK 2 Palliative care services and beneficiaries (Victoria Ball Room) <i>Chairs/facilitators:</i> <i>Ms Naomi Burke Shyne, Open Society Foundations</i> <i>Mr Emmanuel Kamonyo, OSEIA</i>	TRACK 3 Positioning palliative care in the global, regional, national and local health agendas to ensure its sustainability (Meera Room) <i>Chairs:</i> <i>Dr Jacinto Amandua, Ministry of Health, Uganda;</i> <i>Ms Penny Makuruetsa, Botswana</i>	TRACK 4 The evidence base for palliative care (Albert Room) <i>Chairs:</i> <i>Dr Julie Ling, EAPC UK</i> <i>Prof Lukas Radbruch, Germany</i>

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11.00 – 11.15	Palliative care for the deaf and special needs people <i>Ms Rose Kiwanuka and Ms Doreen Kawuma, Uganda</i>	WORKSHOP: Access to controlled medicines	Twenty-three years of palliative care education at the Institute of Hospice and Palliative Care in Africa: Achievements and challenges <i>Prof Wilson Acuda, Uganda</i>	Assessing the country need for palliative care <i>Dr Stephen Connor, WHPCA</i>
11.15 – 11.30	Health and palliative care needs of key populations in Zimbabwe <i>Ms Jennifer Hunt, Zimbabwe</i>		Palliative care training as a process not an event <i>Dr Anita Agbeko, Ghana</i>	Development and validation of the APCA African Children's Outcome Scale (C-POS) in sub-Saharan Africa <i>Ms Eve Namisango, APCA</i>
11.30 – 11.45	The impact of the PACAM STEP UP project on small financial contributions to 13 district hospitals in the southern region of Malawi <i>Mr Fred Chiputula, Malawi</i>		Implementation of an integrative comprehensive palliative care service in a community oncology centre in a developing country <i>Dr Andrew Amata, Trinidad & Tobago</i>	Evaluation of the Integrate Project: Strengthening and integrating palliative care into the national health systems in four African countries. <i>Prof Julia Downing, United Kingdom/Uganda</i>
11.45 – 12.00	Questions and discussion		Questions and discussion	Questions and discussion
12.00 – 12.15	End-of-life chemotherapy and palliative referrals at the Uganda Cancer Institute <i>Mr Daniel Low, USA</i>		Integrating palliative care into national health systems: An emergent framework from 12 models of palliative care in four African countries <i>Dr Liz Grant, United Kingdom</i>	A pilot randomized controlled trial testing effectiveness of Memory Work Therapy (MWT) for HIV-positive orphaned children <i>Mr Elvis Joseph Miti, Tanzania</i>
12.45 – 13.00	Questions and discussion		Questions and discussion	Questions and discussion
12.15 – 12.30	The role/impact of the media houses in palliative care awareness raising <i>Mrs Emily Kemigisha-Ssali, APCA</i>		Opioid price watch: Global monitoring of the availability and affordability of opioids <i>Dr Tania Pastrana, International Association of Hospice and Palliative Care (IAHPC)</i>	Domestic violence among palliative care patients: A systematic review <i>Ms Fatia Kiyange, APCA</i>
12.30 – 12.45	Palliative care, human rights and legal support <i>Rev Dr Hamilton Inbadas and Dr Shahaduz Zaman, United Kingdom</i>		The use of communication campaigns to inform and educate the public about palliative care <i>Mrs Zodwa Sithole, South Africa</i>	Effective public communication campaigns for sustainable palliative care practice from local to global health policy perspectives in Africa <i>Prof Wilson Okaka, Uganda</i>

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13.00 – 13.45	LUNCH AND POSTER VIEWING			
WORKSHOPS AND BREAKAWAY SESSIONS				
13.45 – 15.00	<p>Legal needs and support for palliative care patients and families (Victoria Ballroom)</p> <p>Chairs/Facilitators: Mr Emmanuel Kamonyo, Open Society Initiative for Eastern Africa (OSIEA) Ms Naomi Burke Shyne, Open Society Foundations, USA</p>	<p>TRACK 2: Palliative care services and beneficiaries (Albert Room)</p> <p>Chairs/Facilitators: Dr Zippy Ali, Kenya Fr Richard Bauer, USA</p>	<p>The value of a USA/ Africa partnership programme (Meera Room)</p> <p>Chairs/Facilitators: Ms Rose Kiwanuka, Uganda Mr Mike Wargo, USA</p>	<p>Palliative care education programme supporting integrated care for generalists: The Gold Standards Framework for Improving care of people nearing end of life (Sheena Room)</p> <p>Chair/Facilitator: Prof Keri Thomas, United Kingdom</p>
		<p>An exploration of narratives as a form of spiritual support to patients with life-limiting illnesses within Mulago National Referral Hospital Mr Ivan Dnapito, Uganda</p>		
		<p>Social dimensions of sickle-cell disease: Unmet palliative care need in Homa Bay, Kenya Dr Meshack Liru, Kenya</p>		
		<p>Use Of tele-health In the improvement of quality of life of elderly patients in need of palliative care: A case of selected sub-counties in Wakiso District. Ms Jane Frank Nalubega, Uganda</p>		
		<p>Importance of a 24-hour palliative care hotline Daisy Rotich, Kenya</p> <p>Questions and discussion</p>		
15.00 – 15.30	TEA BREAK AND POSTER VIEWING			
WORKSHOPS AND BREAKAWAY SESSIONS				

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15.30 – 17.00	Legal needs and support for palliative care patients and families (continued) (Victoria Ballroom)	Biometric tamperproof drinkable drug dispenser (BTD3) smart bottle study: BTD3 for controlling usage of oral liquid morphine <i>Ms Theodora Timothy Ndunguru, Tanzania</i>	Strengthening communications capacity for palliative care (Meera Room) Chair/Facilitator: <i>Ms Kate Jackson, WHPCA, UK; Ms Shelley Enarson, APCA; Dr Jim Cleary, University of Wisconsin</i>	Palliative care in French-speaking countries in Africa (Sheena Room) Chairs/Facilitators: <i>Prof Jose Pereila, Canada/APCA; Ms Sylvia Dive, Hospice Africa Uganda</i>
		Role of apprenticeship in improving the livelihood of HIV-positive adolescents who prematurely drop out of school: The Mildmay Uganda experience <i>Mrs Alice Businge, Uganda</i>		
		A review of the curriculum for nurse opioid prescribers: How competent in prescribing are they after their training? <i>Ms Elizabeth Nabirye, Uganda</i>		
		Evaluation of the impact of ICPCN's education programme on children's palliative care <i>Prof Julia Downing, ICPCN</i>		
		Using public hospitals as clinical placement sites for palliative care service development: A lesson from the Palliative Care Association of Malawi. <i>Mr Fred Chiputula, Malawi</i>		
MEET THE EXPERTS SESSION				
17.00 – 18.00	Advocating for palliative care in French-speaking Africa (Sheena Room) <i>Prof Jose Pereila, Canada; Ms Sylvia Dive, Uganda/DRC</i>	The voices of children with palliative care needs: The Little Stars film (Victoria Ballroom) <i>Prof Julia Downing, ICPCN</i>	Research partnerships (Albert Room) <i>Dr Richard Harding, UK; Prof Lukas Radbruch, Germany; Prof Elly Katabira, Uganda</i>	Maggot debridement therapy for chronic and palliative wound care (Meera Room) <i>Mr Frank Stadler, Australia; Ms Eve Namisango, APCA</i>
17.00 – 18.00	APCA PARTNERSHIPS MEETING			
19.00	GALA DINNER: DRESS CODE – FORMAL OR TRADITIONAL			

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07.30 – 08.30	REGISTRATION	
PLENARY SESSIONS (Victoria Ball Room) <i>Chairs: Dr Stephen Connor, WHPCA, and Prof Elly Katabira, Uganda</i>		
08.00 – 08.15	Dr Bernard Tei Dornoo, APCA Board Chair, Ghana	Summary of deliberations from the 2 nd Ministers of Health session of 16 th August 2016 and key actions for follow-up
08.15 – 09.15	Dr Julie Ling, European Association of Palliative Care; Dr Ednin Hamzah, Asia Pacific Hospice Palliative Care Network; Dr Tania Pastrana, Latin American Association for Palliative Care; Dr Stephen Connor, North America	Progress in other regions of the world and lessons for the future: Panel discussion
09.15 – 10.15	Prof Jean-Marie Dangou, WHO Regional Office for Africa; Dr Marie-Charlotte Bouësseau, World Health Organization, Geneva; Dr Liz Gwyther, WHPCA; Prof Lukas Radbruch, International Association for Hospice & Palliative Care; Dr Julie Torode, Union for International Cancer Control; Mrs Joan Marston, International Children's Palliative Care Network	Global developments in palliative care: Challenges and lessons for the future. Panel discussion.
10.15 – 10.30	Questions and discussion	
10.30 – 11.00	TEA BREAK	
BREAKAWAY SESSIONS		

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	TRACK 1 Palliative care, human rights, policies and legislation (Albert Room) Chairs: <i>Dr Mohammed Bushnaq, Jordan/WHPCA</i> <i>Mr Emmanuel Kamonyo, OSIEA</i>	TRACK 2 Palliative care services and beneficiaries (Victoria Ball Room) Chairs: <i>Mrs Joan Marston, ICPCN</i> <i>Dr Emmanuel Luyirika, APCA</i>	TRACK 3 Positioning palliative care in the global, regional, national and local health agendas to ensure its sustainability (Sheena Room) Innovations in improving access to pain relief Chairs: <i>Dr Megan O'Brien, USA</i> <i>Mr Chris Igharo, Nigeria</i>	TRACK 4 The evidence base for palliative care (Meera Room) Chairs: <i>Dr Priya Kulnakarni, India/WHPCA</i> <i>Prof Julia Downing, ICPCN</i>
11.10 – 11.25	Facilities in pain: A baseline assessment of IAPHC list of essential medicines for palliative care in Ghana <i>Dr Fidelia Dake, Ghana</i>	Integration of paediatric palliative care services <i>Mr David Kavuma, Uganda</i>	Access to pain relief for all; Innovations from the Pain Free Hospital Initiative (PFHI) in Africa <i>Ms Mackuline Ojing Atieno, APCA</i>	A study to assess management of multidrug-resistant tuberculosis at Ndola Central Hospital <i>Ms Betty Mwanza Galufu Njunju, Zambia</i>
11.25 – 11.40	The African Pain Policy Fellowship Program <i>Dr Jim Cleary, USA</i>	Integration of palliative care into other adolescents' care needs <i>Ms Eunice Garanganga, Zimbabwe</i>	Pain Free Hospitals Initiatives in Kenya <i>Dr Zipporah Ali, Kenya</i>	Palliative care, together with active treatment, offers the best chances for patients with metastatic cancer <i>Dr Nahla Gafer, Sudan</i>
11.40 – 11.55	Barriers and access to oral liquid morphine by trained rapid morphine prescribers in Uganda <i>Mr Nasur Buyinza, Uganda</i>	The Palliative Medicine Unit of Kasr Al-Ainy: A model of palliative cancer care in Egypt <i>Prof Samy Alsirafy, Egypt</i>	Morphine enrolment to local clinics in Botswana; A case study of Southeast District <i>Mrs Penny Sebuweng Makuruetsa, Botswana</i>	The use of quality improvement and evaluation in palliative care: Pre-ART evaluation at Kawempe Home Care <i>Ms Khainza Miria, Uganda</i>
11.55 – 12.10	Palliative care in community and home-based service delivery <i>Dr. Anne Owiti, Kenya</i>	Increasing the number of household members trained in basic paediatric palliative care <i>Mrs Antonia Kamate Tukundane, Uganda</i>	Perceived barriers to opioid availability in Ghana <i>Dr Mawuli Gyakobo, Ghana</i>	An exploration of doctors' experiences of caring for palliative care patients and whether they feel there is a need for further training at undergraduate level <i>Dr Zipporah V Ali, Kenya</i>
12:10 – 12:30	Questions and discussion	Questions and discussion	Questions and discussion	Questions and discussion
12:30 – 12:40	APCA/WHPCA BOD chairs	Awards: Best Poster presenter and best upcoming researcher		
12.40 – 13.15	CONFERENCE SUMMARY AND CLOSING REMARKS			

Social Programme

OPENING RECEPTION: COCKTAILS BESIDE THE HOTEL'S POOL

DATE: Tuesday 16th August 2016
TIME: 6.30pm – 8.00pm
DRESS CODE: Smart casual
GUEST OF HONOUR: Honourable Minister of Health of Uganda

As part of the opening reception at the relaxing Speke Resort (poolside), there will be music and a performance by local artists – all to be enjoyed by guests.

GALA DINNER: MUSIC AND DANCING BESIDE LAKE VICTORIA

DATE: Thursday 18th August 2016
TIME: 7.00pm – 11.30pm
DRESS CODE: Traditional or formal
GUEST SPEAKER: Dr Tebogo Madidimalo, WHO Country Office, Botswana

Conference delegates are invited to take part in the gala dinner to celebrate all that has been achieved at the conference. Entertainment will include the Crane Performers, Lilian and the Sundowners, and a local DJ.

CRANE PERFORMERS

Crane Performers is a group of talented youth with an objective of achieving education and a better future through the use of their talents in the performing arts. The group takes its name from the crested crane, the national bird of Uganda, because of its beauty and grace – typifying so aptly the troupe and its members. Crested cranes perform a series of graceful dances as part of their courtship display.

Crane Performers demonstrate the variety that abounds in Ugandan culture by exhibiting dances from all of its regions. They will be wearing colourfully decorated and magnificent custom-designed costumes to enhance their dance movements. Furthermore, Crane Performers have extensively researched the origins and meanings of a variety of traditional folk songs from the various regions of Uganda, and have artistically orchestrated them to give a broader flavour of Uganda's culture in the interludes between dances.

See the Crane Performers' website at <http://cranep performers.ug/>.

LILIAN AND THE SUNDOWNERS

From humble beginnings in Kigali and Kampala's suburbs to the full glare of the stage, Lilian Mbabazi has mesmerised many an audience with her rich and powerful vocals. Lillian is embarking on a new phase of her singing career as a solo artist with backing group the Sundowners, after having taken time off from singing with group Blu 3. For some, this would be a daunting prospect; but for Lillian it is something she has dreamed about since she was a young girl.

Lilian's musical style is described as a cross between R&B and Soul, yet tinged with both African and Western European musical influences. The various musical styles that she employs come across well in the singles she has released so far: *Vitamin*, *Kawa*, *Kankutwale* and *Yegwe Weka*.

Follow Lilian's music by visiting www.facebook.com/LilianMbabaziUG/.