



Dear CONTRAST Team Leader

Lusaka, 18 June 2008

It is with great pleasure that I announce the annual CONTRAST meeting on 6-9 October, 2008 in Livingstone, Zambia.

The annual meeting is arranged in collaboration between University of Zambia, The Zambian Ministry of Health and DBL - Centre for Health Research and Development at University of Copenhagen. The official title of this year's meeting is: *"Scaling-up bilharzia (Schistosomiasis) surveillance and control for community empowerment, health impact and development in sub-Saharan Africa"*.

Dates

The conference runs from 6-9 October, 2007 (Monday - Thursday).

Please prepare to arrive on the Sunday 5th October as we start early Monday morning. There will be a welcome reception on Sunday afternoon.

Venue and accommodation

The workshop meeting will be held at the Chrismar Hotel in Livingstone. We have secured a deal with reduced rates for CONTRAST partners of approximately USD 160 per day on a full board basis (accommodation, conference facilities and all meals included).

Chrismar Hotel

Sichango Road, PO Box 60614, Livingstone, Zambia

Web: <http://www.chrismar.co.zm/Livingstone/index.htm>

Participants and expenses

We expect representatives from each partner institution; at least the team leader and his/her co-responsible to participate in the workshop meeting. Please note that each partner has to cover their own expenses, incl. accommodation, per diem/daily allowances etc. There should be room in each partner's budget to cover these expenses. We suggest to do like previous years, DBL will pay the accommodation on a full board basis in advance, and then deduct it from the half yearly transfer to the partner.

Travel related issues

Please note that you have to cover travel expenses such as flight tickets, airport fees, per diem, vaccinations, insurance. Visas are available upon entering Zambia, the cost for the Visa is \$50 USD.

Programme

Presentations of progress in CONTRAST's Objectives and individual Work Packages

Enclosed you will find a tentative programme for the event. On Monday (6th) we expect each "objective responsible" to hold a small presentation on how the work is coming along in their objective.

All individual CONTRAST partners are furthermore encouraged to prepare a presentation on his/her work in CONTRAST. Either presenting results or a presentation on the ongoing work and expectations.

We expect the presenting participants to submit titles of their presentations with abstracts.

no later than 1st September 2008. As we get closer to the meeting the individual WP presentation will be added to the programme, with name of presenters and titles.

Management committee

The CONTRAST Management Committee will hold at least two meetings to plan and evaluate how the work is proceeding in CONTRAST.

GIS course

On October 1-4, just before the annual meeting, CONTRAST will host a short training course on using GIS techniques in epidemiology. The course will be held in collaboration with the GIS research node at the University of Zambia and GnosisGIS, the Global Network for Geospatial Health.

CONTRAST has applied for support for this training course, and has received funds making it possible to sponsor travel costs for approximately 8 African CONTRAST partners. Please send applications to the CONTRAST coordinator, tkk@life.ku.dk.

Deadlines

1 July, 2008: Information to UNZA, CC'ed to DBL, with number of participants attending from your partner institution, including names and full itinerary. The travel details will be very important, as flights to Livingstone sell out fast. Please book at once!

Should flights to Livingstone be far more expensive than just traveling to Lusaka, it might be possible to arrange for overland travel from Lusaka to Livingstone. Please do not forget to furnish the GIS Research Node with your detailed travel itinerary as soon as possible in order to facilitate the overland transportation from Lusaka to Livingstone. This travel takes a maximum of six hours.

The following contacts will be important in case of problems upon arrival:

GIS NODE email contrast@zamnet.zm Office number +260-1-252681.

When in Lusaka:

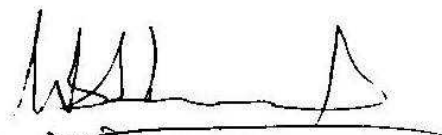
Using a cell phone you dial 211252681

Using a land line you dial straight 252681

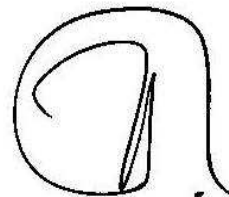
You can also get in touch with Mr G.Mushinge on +260-955-781976 or gmushinge@gmail.com

We look forward to meeting you in Livingstone

Kind regards



Dr Gavin B Silwamba
Administrative Leader



Dr Christopher Simoonga
Scientific Leader



**Third annual CONTRAST workshop
6-9 October, 2007, Chrismar Hotel, Livingstone, Zambia**

	Monday 6/10	Tuesday 7/10	Wednesday 8/10	Thursday 9/10
8.00 – 8.30	Opening ceremony:	Review of previous day and practical announcements (T.K.Kristensen)	Review of previous day and practical announcements (T.K.Kristensen)	Review of previous day and practical announcements (T.K.Kristensen)
8.30-10.00	7.30 Registration 8.00 Invited speakers arrive 8.30 Welcome speeches DR.G.SILWAMBA Hon Minister Southern Province(Zambia)	What to do with our data? A protocol for data exchange? (T.K. Kristensen) Plenary session Results/ongoing work in the WPs Chairman TBA	Individual WP planning (group sessions)	Plenary session Report on planned work in individual WPs Chairman TBA
Coffee/tea				
10.30-12.30	10.30 – 11.30 Status for objective 1-5 (15 min for each of the 5 objective responsible) 11.35 – 12.30 The CONTRAST GIS research centre. Facilities and possibilities (Simoonga OR Mushinge) Chairman TBA	Plenary session Continued Chairman TBA	Individual WP planning (group sessions) Management Committee meeting	Plenary session Report on planned work in individual WPs Chairman TBA
Lunch				
13.30-15.00	Plenary session Results/ongoing work in the WPs. Individual presentations. 15 mins w. 5 mins questions. Chairman TBA	Plenary session Continued Chairman TBA		Plenary session Next application: CONTRAST2? Chairman TBA
Coffee/tea			Excursion to Victoria Falls	
15.30-17.00	Individual WP planning (group sessions) 16.00-18.00 Management Committee meeting	16.00 Sundowner cruise		Closing session

Sunday 5/9: 18.00-19.00 - Welcome Reception - Thursday 9/10: 19:00 - Closing Dinner