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Programme for the Second International AHMSG Conference, Lusaka, Zambia 27 – 28 November, 2026

Theme: *Helicobacter pylori* in Africa: Resistance, Microbiome and Personalised Treatment

Day 1: Friday 27 November		
08h00 – 09h00	Registration	All participants
Session 1: Chair, Mashiko Setshedi		
09h00 - 09h05	Opening welcome	AHMSG President Mashiko Setshedi
09h05 - 09h15	Video (AHSMG documentary)	
09h15 - 09h25	Goodwill Message ZAGAN	ZAGAN REP. Violet Kayamba
09h25 - 09h35	Goodwill Message-Peter Malfertheiner	Peter Malfertheiner
09h35 - 10h15	The next 30 years of *Helicobacter pylori*: Past Present and Future	Colm O'Morain
10h15 - 10h25	Q & A	
10h25 - 11h05	**Tea break**	
Session 2: Chair, Stella Smith		
11h05 - 11h20	Update on *H. pylori* and microbiome research efforts in Africa	Evariste Tshibangu
11h20 - 11h35	Updates on Lagos consensus- anything new?	Rose Ugiagbe
11h35 - 11h50	Community survey of active *Helicobacter pylori* infection and treatment outcomes: Preliminary results from the COPHI study	Violet Kayamba
11h50 - 12h05	Gastric cancer prevention initiatives in Europe	Marcis Leja
12h05 – 12h25	Q & A	
12h25 – 13h05	Symposium	Richen
13h05 – 14h05	**Lunch**	
Session 3: Chair, Charles Onyekwere		
14h05 - 14h15	*Helicobacter pylori* Antibiotic Susceptibility Survey, Western Cape, South Africa	Hsin-Chi Huang
14h15 - 14h25	Association of Human Immunodeficiency Virus infection with reduced *Helicobacter pylori* positivity: Findings from four diagnostic tests	Enock Mulowa Mumbula

Prof. Mashiko Setshedi
President, AHMSG

Prof. Violet Kayamba
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14h25 - 14h35	Phenotypic and Molecular Characterization of Helicobacter pylori Infection in Senegal: Diagnostic, Prevalence and Challenges of Antibiotic Resistance	Julie Melissa Gonfouli
14h35 - 14h45	Genomic distribution and co-occurrence of amoxicillin resistance-associated polymorphisms in penicillin-binding protein 1A in African *Helicobacter pylori* isolates	Akinyi Okono
14h45 – 14h55	Advancing *H. pylori* Therapeutics: Lessons from Alternative and Complementary Strategies	Roland Ndip
14h55 – 15h05	Q & A	
15h05 – 15h25	**Coffee break**	
Session 4: Chair, Revathi Gunturu		
15h25 – 15h35	*H. pylori* resistance patterns in Africa- evolving evidence	Abraham Ajayi
15h35 – 15h45	Management, Antibiotic Resistance, and Eradication Efficacy of *Helicobacter pylori* Infection in Sub-Saharan Africa: Results from the Sub-Saharan Africa Hp-Registry	Stella Smith
15h45 – 16h05	Application of Antimicrobial Stewardship principles to *H. pylori* treatment	Francis Megraud
16h05 – 16h15	Q & A	
19h00	Conference dinner	
Day 2: Saturday 28 November		
Session 5: Chair, Yakya Dieye		
08h30 – 09h20	Symposium Building an African collaborative platform for *Helicobacter pylori* research: progress of the JSPS Core-to-Core Program and AHMSG	Yoshio Yamaoka/Team
	Genomic Population Structure and Virulence Profile of Nigerian *Helicobacter pylori* Strains	Jolaiya Tolulope
	Potential for repositioning antibiotics in *Helicobacter pylori* eradication in the Democratic Republic of the Congo: Findings from an in vitro susceptibility survey	Alain Cimuanga Mukanya
	Development and social implementation of *H. pylori* stool antigen immunochromatographic test kit.	Takashi Matsumoto
09h20 – 09h30	Q & A	
09h30 - 10h00	**Tea break**	
Session 6: Chair, Kayamba		
10h00 – 11h00	Panel discussion– alternative therapies for *H. pylori* in Africa	Roland Ndip, Revathi Gunturu, Yakhya Dieye

Session 7: Chair, Rose Ugiagbe and Evariste Tshibangu		
11h00 – 11h10	An Overview on Prevalence of Antimicrobial Resistance and Associated Demographic Factors Among Patients with *Helicobacter pylori* Infection, Windhoek, Namibia.	Justina Muhoka
11h10 – 11h20	*Helicobacter pylori*: Antimicrobial stewardship issue	Revathi Gunturu
11h20 – 11h30	Prevalence of precancerous lesions in Helicobacter pylori infected patients attending a tertiary hospital in Cape Town, South Africa	Mashiko Setshedi
11h30 – 11h40	Q & A	
11h40 – 12h00	Award ceremony	
12h00 – 12h10	Presidential handover ceremony	
12h10 – 13h00	**Lunch**	
13h00 – 15h00	AHMSG Board member meeting	