



AfSBT e-Newsletter



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This will be the last newsletter before the congress in Kigali. The months it has taken in preparation have flown by and we will soon be together in Rwanda. Please check with the authorities in your country, regarding Yellow Fever vaccination when travelling to Rwanda, to avoid problems when entering the country.

**8th International Congress of AfSBT: Kigali, Rwanda:
31 May – 3 June 2016**

Theme: **Safe and Sustainable Blood Services in Africa – where do we stand?**

Congress website: <http://www.afsbtcongress.org> / General website: www.afsbt.org

Our **Scientific Programme** is very full indeed, and looking at the titles of the presentations and posters, every single one looks really interesting and of value to our profession. I think that delegates are going to find it rather difficult to choose which session to attend, after the morning plenary sessions. Each day there are parallel sessions after the morning tea break – sometimes two sessions, and sometimes three in parallel! A whole hour in the afternoon of 2 June will be devoted to **posters**, which will be displayed in the Foyer of the Ballroom. There will be no formal presentation of posters; authors will be in attendance to answer your questions and a group of moderators from the scientific committee will be in attendance. There are going to be two really SUPER prizes awarded at the end of the congress – one for the best English language poster and one for the best French language poster, as judged by the committee.

Also already mentioned, are the two lunchtime symposia, and the two breakfast meetings. Go to the website to see the detailed day-to-day programme, as well as the variety of events in the **Social Programme**.

As soon as you arrive in Kigali, get in touch with one of us if you have not paid your registration in full, so that we can do our best to register you and avoid queueing at the start of the congress.

Prizes and competitions: There will be a questionnaire to answer at the close of the ISBT Academy Day, a post-congress questionnaire, an exhibitor quiz and a raffle at the AfSBT stand / booth. All carry exciting prizes. Be sure to answer the questionnaires and enter the competitions so that you do not lose out!

Weather in Rwanda during June: The expected temperature range is 16°C to 26°C, with a 30% chance of light rain, and the possibility of thunderstorms. There should be no wind, or a slight breeze at times.

<https://weatherspark.com/averages/29294/6/Kigali-Rwanda>

Introducing the Management Team:

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Upcoming events



34th International Congress of the ISBT

Dubai, United Arab Emirates <http://www.isbtweb.org/about-isbt/congresses/>

AABB Annual Meeting:

<http://www.aabb.org/annual-meeting/pages/default.aspx>

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*“Knowledge without wisdom is
like water in the sand .”*

Guinean proverb