

Proposal for hosting the next Scientific meeting of the

African Society of Human Genetics

Moroccan Society of Genomic and Human genetic (SM2GH)

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1- Give a brief outline of why the next AfSHG meeting should be held in the country/city you propose.

- For many reasons Morocco, could be an excellent candidate to host next AfSHG meeting; we select here the principal argument for this question:
 - Around 99% of Morocco population is a Muslim and people is very welcoming and **tolerant towards different cultures or others religious**;
 - Kingdom of Morocco is **safe** and **stable country**;
 - Kingdom of Moroccan **cuisine is excellent** and is known for being very fragrant.
 - Kingdom of Morocco is still relatively **cheap** for many things;
 - Kingdom of Morocco is a **Northern African country, bordering the North Atlantic Ocean and the Mediterranean Sea, it is close to Europe**, it is 30 min by boat to reach Spain and it is also the **stopover for travelers from/to different countries in Africa and Europe/USA**
- Why we choose **Rabat** as Host city,

Rabat is a capital city know by different special things:

- **Touristic, Imperial** city
- **Very Safe**
- **Different categories of Hotels** (from 2* to 5* Palace...) for different budgets
- **Close to international airport** of Rabat, about 17min (9,6 km)
Easy transportation intra and InterCities (**tramway, bus, train, TGV, TGV High-Speed Train**)
- **Close to Casablanca city** (100 km), the big city in Morocco which is considered as a **hub for several airline companies**
- **Many social activities** during the year (famous festival mawazine...)
- In general, the **weather is very fine**, except the period December - January which are relatively cold;
- Etc...





2- Please provide information about the conference facilities that would be available to us, including audiovisual considerations (we would expect 150-200 delegates).

The venue that we propose is the Hotel Tour Hassan Palace ***** see a photo below web site. The Hotel has 05 conference rooms with a total capacity of 800 persons with all the audiovisual material necessary for the smooth running of the conferences.



3- Please include a description of hotels and other accommodation at or near the proposed venue that offer a range of prices and facilities.

The hotel "**La Tour Hassan Palace**" is built in a Hispano-Moorish style. Located in the city center of Rabat, within a 5-minute drive of Hassan Tower (built in the 12th century) and Royal Palace, very close to Mohammed V National Theater and Mohammed VI Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art. Furthermore, there are many others historic sites in Rabat as Kasbah des Oudayas and Shella...The Hotel offers air-conditioned deluxe rooms, Free wifi, an outdoor pool, a fully equipped wellness center and **several conference rooms**. The rooms of the Hotel La Tour Hassan combine tradition and modern comfort. The Hassan Tower has at least 3 restaurants serving gourmet and traditional Moroccan cuisine.

This hotel is close to several hotels for different price ranges, offering to the participants several choices of stay, **strating from 2 to 4 stars**

4- Have you been involved in organizing similar scientific meetings and/or meetings in your chosen venue? Please give details.

As the principal organizer for the next meeting of AfSHG, i have a good experience to organize several time with my colleagues national and international meetings. As also the president founder of the school iof immunogenetics we organized two editions of SIG with more than 80 participants. The third is programmed this month. In the frame work of the Moroccan society of immunology we co-organized several national and international congresses. Actually, we will organize the first international congress of the Moroccan Society of Genomic and Human genetic (SM2GH) and the third edition of the School of Immunogenetics (SIG)» 19th to the 21st of December 2019. More than 120 participants already registered. More than this number is expected..

5- AfSHG aims to hold its meetings in conjunction with a local genetics/medical Society (e.g. the Cameroonian Human Genetics Society, the Ethiopian Medical Association, Southern African Society of Human Genetics). Which Society do you propose linking with in your country and would it consider a joint meeting with the AfSHG?

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6- How easy is it to get to the proposed city? Please give details of the airport(s) that would be used, its proximity to the proposed venue, and information about flight connections from other African countries, Europe and USA, ground transportation options.

Rabat-Salé international airport is close to Rabat downtown and the Hotel. it is about 17min (9,6 km); the taxi is available and is cheaply accessible to get the hotel. Several flights from middle east (United Arab Emirates..) but especially it is connected with European countries. Furthermore, Rabat is also close to Casablanca city (100 km), which is a hub for several international airlines companies coming from/to Africa, Europe and USA countries. So, to get Rabat, there is a train directly from the airport Casablanca to Rabat center "Gare Rabat Ville" very closer to the Hotel (about 10 min max by taxi). Tanger city is so fare from Rabat, in front of Spain, but with TGV High-Speed Train we can get Rabat easy and cheap. This is the same example with other neighbors' cities as Fes...

7- How easy is it for delegates to get a visa - e.g. can they be issued at the airport on arrival?

Delegates from the countries listed below are issued with the entry visa form in Morocco just like European countries and USA no need VISA

Algeria/ Ivory coast/ Congo Brazzaville/ Guinea Conakry/ Mali/ Niger/ Senegal/ Tunisia/ Gabon.

African countries subject to visa formalities to enter Morocco: Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Djibouti, Madagascar, Mauritania, Central African Republic, Democratic Republic of Congo, Chad, Togo.

8- Please give a brief outline of possible social activities - especially things of historical interest linking in with African heritage.

People living in Rabat or tourists could partake in the local activities, both within and outside of Rabat. Visa for Music (20-23 november) is in Rabat and exhibits African and Middle Eastern bands, including but not limited to Gnaoua, jazz, and touareg. The Casablanca Art connection (21-27 October) is a showcase of modern art from african countries as well as musical demonstrations and photography exhibits. They offer workshops in a variety of artistic subjects that one can participate in.

The Archaeology Museum, located in Rabat, offers an extensive collection of historic artifacts, including those of Roman settlements.

The Hassan Tower is a historic monument attracting thousands of visitors each year. It is located close to the Mausoleum of Mohammed V and the Old Medina. The Kasbah is also near to these monuments and the hotel and also contains beautiful gardens known as the Andalusian Gardens as well as historic buildings painted in blue. Chellah is located near the ocean and offers historic insight on the different dynasties that have ruled Morocco, including the Romans and Phoenecians. The Royal Palace is also in Rabat and is an interesting and enchanting site to see. The Rottemborg Fort located on the ocean offers great views and a historic insight on the German presence in Morocco during World War II.

9- Please indicate the best time between October 2021 and April 2022 for such a meeting, taking into consideration specific events or other factors such as weather (e.g. rainy season) that might impact on the success of the meeting.

We think that the best period, taking in consideration different factors is between
March to April 2022.

10-Please give details of all individuals who will be involved with conference organization, including their position and previous relevant experience.

Among Individuals who will be involved with conference organization:

First, in order to have a great success of the event we can ask the possibility that the meetings is Under the high patronage of His Majesty King Mohammed VI.

The President of the university of Rabat;
The Dean of the faculty of sciences of Rabat;

Pr. Elaouad Rajae, immunologist and Member of Académie Hassan II of sciences and techniques. She has strong experiences to organize national and international congress.

Pr. Oudim Karim, Director of the IRC (institut de recherche sur le cancer) and he has a strong experiences to organize national and international congress;

Pr. Errihani Hassan, Oncologue and chief of oncology department at (institute of oncology of Rabat), President of AFROM, he has also a strong experiences to organize national and international congress;

Dr. Baassi larbi, expert in biosecurity IFBA-CP, working at NIH of Rabat, he have organized several time workshop and inernational congress ...;

Dr. Mohammed Mzibri, chief of department of biomedical science in CNESTEN of Rabat, he participated in the organization of national and international meetings.

Pr. Makram Merimi, Biologist molecular at the Mohammed first university at Oujda, and associated researcher in Institute of Bordet in Belgium. He participated in the organization of national meetings.

Pr; Ahmed Belmouden, geneticist, Vice Dean of research end international cooperation at Ibn Zohr University of Agadir. He has also a strong experiences to organize national and international congress;

Pr. Youssef Idaghdour, geneticist at New yor university AbiuDhabi. he has also a strong experiences to organize national and international congress;

Others important personalities and colleagues from Rabat, Casablanca and from other cities and countries who have a good experiences and the power will join with us.

11-Please confirm that the lead organizer is and will remain mainly resident in the proposed city - the meeting requires someone 'on the ground' to make all the local arrangements with support from the AfSHG Executive

Am the president founder of the SM2GH and am the principal organizer of the next meeting. I am resident and i worked for a long time in Rabat (30 years in Rabat). I have a strong networking with different government departments. I will not work alone but of course with a well-defined staff that have a good and long experience in the organization of the scientific manifestation.