

1 How do I register to participate in (and present at) a meeting?

To begin the registration procedure for the meeting please fill in and submit the registration form on the meeting home page (web addresses and links below). Secondly please submit an abstract (if you would like to present work) or a personal research summary (if you do not want to present) - and we will then include you amongst the list of confirmed participants. Finally, if you are eligible, please submit the meeting fee. If you have questions please contact the meeting organizer - england@mangosee.com.

LINKS TO REGISTRATION FORMS ON MEETING HOME PAGES:

Meetings in 2007:

Malaria 2007 –

<http://www.mangosee.com/mangosteen/2007/malaria2007/malaria2007.htm>

Pathogenic Helminths 2007 –

<http://www.mangosee.com/mangosteen/2007/helminths2007/helminths2007.htm>

HIV/AIDS 2007

<http://www.mangosee.com/mangosteen/2007/hiv aids2007/hiv aids2007.htm>

Pneumococci 2007 –

<http://www.mangosee.com/mangosteen/2007/pneumococci2007/pneumococci2007.htm>

Antibiotic Resistance 2007 –

<http://www.mangosee.com/mangosteen/2007/antibiotics2007/antibiotics2007.htm>

Medicinal Chemistry 2007 –

<http://www.mangosee.com/mangosteen/2007/medchem2007/medchem2007.htm>

Meetings in 2008:

Hepatitis 2008 –

<http://www.mangosee.com/mangosteen/2008/hepatitis2008/hepatitis2008.htm>

Kinetoplastid Diseases 2008 –

<http://www.mangosee.com/mangosteen/2008/kinetoplastids2008/kinetoplastids2008.htm>

Tuberculosis 2008 –

<http://www.mangosee.com/mangosteen/2008/tb2008/tb2008.htm>

Enteric Pathogens 2008 –

<http://www.mangosee.com/mangosteen/2008/enterics2008/enterics2008.htm>

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2 I'm interested in signing up for the meeting - what's the first step in the registration procedure?

The first step is to complete and submit the online registration form on the meeting home page. Alternatively, if you would like to make a first contact with the meeting organizer ahead of anything else please simply contact us by email at england@mangosee.com.

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3 Do I need to submit an abstract?

You need only submit an abstract if you intend to give either an oral or poster presentation during the meeting. If you intend to participate in the meeting, but do not want to present work then we ask that in place of an abstract you submit a short personal research summary (a paragraph or two on your background and research interests) as part of your registration for the meeting. You will not typically be included amongst the list of confirmed participants until we have received either your abstract or personal research summary. If submitting an abstract feel free to include details on your background and research interests to the abstract - this will serve to help other participants to get to know you and your specific interests all the more quickly.

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4 Can I register for a meeting by email?

No, we would prefer that you don't. To initiate your registration for the meeting please simply fill in and submit the (web-based) registration form on the meeting's home page. If you have problems with the registration form please let us know by email - mangosteen@mangosee.com.

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5 Is there a registration form on the internet which I can download, print out, fill in and send to the meeting organizer in order to register for the meeting?

No, but there is a form on the internet (address below) which we ask you to fill in and submit - this is the single most important step of registering for the meeting.

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HIV/AIDS 2007

<http://www.mangosee.com/mangosteen/2007/hiv aids2007/hiv aids2007.htm>

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Tuberculosis 2008 –
<http://www.mangosee.com/mangosteen/2008/tb2008/tb2008.htm>

Enteric Pathogens 2008 –
<http://www.mangosee.com/mangosteen/2008/enterics2008/enterics2008.htm>

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6 When should I submit my abstract?

Please submit it as possible after submitting the online registration form.

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7 How do I know if my registration has been accepted?

With very few exceptions, there is no question of your registration being rejected - your registration is automatically accepted upon receipt of the internet-based registration form. Your participation in the meeting is not dependent on the meeting organizer selecting you as a meeting participant. Please do not expect the meeting organizer to contact you to inform you that your registration has been accepted. Perhaps the best way to check that your registration has been successfully completed is to look for your name on the list of confirmed participants on the meeting home page.

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8 How do I know if my abstract has been accepted?

With very few exceptions, there is no question of your abstract being rejected - your abstract is automatically accepted upon receipt, as is your request for an oral presentation - it's simply part of the registration process. Your participation in the meeting is not dependent on the meeting organizer selecting your abstract for presentation. Please do not expect the meeting organizer to contact you to inform you that your abstract has been accepted for presentation, please simply assume this is the case.

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9 What are the admission criteria to be able to register for a meeting?

Unlike many traditionally organized meetings, Mangosteen's meetings do not have strict admission criteria - we operate an open admissions policy. If you are actively engaged in research in the field of the meeting, or are otherwise working in or interested in the field then you are welcome to register - and we welcome your interest in doing so. If we have doubts about your connection with the field of the meeting, and its relevance to you, then we will contact you to explain your interest in the meeting.

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10 Is there a deadline for registration?

No. There is no strict date by which you must complete the registration procedure. To be sure of a place, should the meeting reach capacity, it of course makes sense to register just as soon as you decide to participate in the meeting. Other than this, perhaps the most important reasons to register early are to be sure to leave adequate time to apply for any visas that you may need, to take all essential healthcare precautions and to purchase a cost-effective plane ticket.

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11 Is there a deadline for the submission of abstracts?

No. There is no strict date by which you must submit your abstract in order to secure your presentation slot in the programme. However, in the majority of cases, you will not be considered (and listed) as a confirmed participant until you have submitted your abstract - so please do make sure to submit it just as soon as you have submitted the internet-based registration form.

FAQ ID Nr. 444

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12 Is it possible that my registration will be denied/rejected because of my abstract?

No, absolutely not. Your abstracts help us structure the meeting programme, we do not use them to select who will participate.

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13 I've completed the registration procedure for the meeting - what do I need to do next?

If you have submitted the registration form and sent in your abstract (or personal research summary), and paid the meeting fee if it applies to you - then the next step is simply that you prepare for the trip by purchasing a plane ticket, making sure that you apply for any visas you may need, and finally visit your doctor or travel health clinic to discuss any healthcare precautions you may wish to take. As a confirmed participant you may also wish to take a good look at Mangosteen's Database of Answers for Senegal and The Gambia to prepare for the trip to West Africa - this document is located on a password protected website, please email us to request the password.

Link to Mangosteen's Database of Answers for Senegal and The Gambia:
http://mangosee.com/mangosteen/info/database_of_answers_on_senegal_and_the_gambia_v2.pdf

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Sort Nr. 20920

14 What is meant by the term 'confirmed participant'?

Participants take part in the meeting. 'Confirmed participants' are how we term individuals who have completed the registration procedure and hence have themselves confirmed to us that they will participate. Again, the meeting organizer does not coin interested people as confirmed participants, but rather by their actions and words they tell us that they will participate in the meeting - we can only trust that they are good for their word, and the majority of people certainly are. Inevitably however, not

all confirmed participants will participate in the meeting - some will decide to withdraw their registration before the start of the meeting (which is of course entirely their prerogative and is perfectly acceptable to the meeting organizer), while others will simply choose not to cancel, subsequently stop communicating with the meeting organizer and then not show up at the meeting venue (which is frankly annoying to all actual participants and the meeting organizer since in many cases it can cause significant disruptions to the programme). If nothing else we ask that all confirmed participants email us to withdraw their registration if they choose not to participate in the meeting. Thanks.

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Sort Nr. 19480

15 I need an invoice for the meeting fee to pass on to my institute's administrative division - are you able to provide me with one?

Yes, certainly. Please simply request one and we'll send it to you as an email file attachment. If you need a hard copy (paper print-out) do let us know and we'll mail one to you.

FAQ ID Nr. 213

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Sort Nr. 15660

16 Are the meeting organizers selecting the people who will be allowed to participate based on abstract submissions?

No, absolutely not. This is not that kind of conference - this is very much an open meeting. Within reason, if you are interested in the meeting we welcome your participation - please simply begin the sign-up procedure by submitting the registration form on the meeting's home page.

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Tuberculosis 2008 –
<http://www.mangosee.com/mangosteen/2008/tb2008/tb2008.htm>

Enteric Pathogens 2008 –
<http://www.mangosee.com/mangosteen/2008/enterics2008/enterics2008.htm>

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Sort Nr. 17600

17 I intend to participate in the meeting, but do not want to present any work - do I also need to submit an abstract?

No. Rather than an abstract please submit a personal summary or research summary to let us and the other meeting participants know about you, your background and specific interests.

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Sort Nr. 15840

18 Do I need to pay the meeting fee in order to be added to the list of confirmed participants?

No. We will happily include you amongst the list of confirmed participants once we have received your registration form (submitted via the internet) and abstract/personal research summary. We are looking for a clear sign of commitment and intent to participate to include you amongst the list of confirmed participants - the registration form is the beginning of this and the abstract is second. Payment of the meeting fee is the truest sign of commitment, however, we do not ask all non-exempt participants to pay at the time of registration. This notwithstanding, early payment of the meeting fee is of course greatly appreciated by the meeting organizer.

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Sort Nr. 16920

19 I didn't receive the invitation letter that I asked for - what do I do?

We're sorry, it's possible that we overlooked it. Please send us an email to request it once again. If you're in a hurry for it, please mark the subject "URGENT - LETTER OF INVITATION" and make sure to include the deadline by which you need to receive it.

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Sort Nr. 18200

20 I'm not sure if I will participate - should I register now with the risk that I will cancel later?

Yes, please do. Please do submit the internet based registration form to get your foot in the door so to speak - at the very least this will provide us with your contact details and allow us to keep you updated.

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<http://www.mangosee.com/mangosteen/2007/helminths2007/helminths2007.htm>

HIV/AIDS 2007

<http://www.mangosee.com/mangosteen/2007/hivaid2007/hivaid2007.htm>

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<http://www.mangosee.com/mangosteen/2007/antibiotics2007/antibiotics2007.htm>

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Tuberculosis 2008 –

<http://www.mangosee.com/mangosteen/2008/tb2008/tb2008.htm>

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<http://www.mangosee.com/mangosteen/2008/enterics2008/enterics2008.htm>

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21 The online registration form asks for participants to submit a few keywords or keyphrases - what does this mean?

All that we ask is that you please give us an idea of your research interests and backgrounds in a few words or short phrases. These keywords and keyphrases will be added alongside your name and institution on the list of confirmed participants. The aim here is to give everyone interested in the meeting, both confirmed and prospective participants a quick way to see who will be at the meeting and what they are interested in (before taking the time to read individual abstracts or personal research summaries).

FAQ ID Nr. 519

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Sort Nr. 18860

22 Will my registration be cancelled if I don't pay the meeting fee ahead of the meeting?

No. We'll only cancel your registration if you specifically ask us to cancel it. If we don't receive your meeting fee ahead of the meeting we will simply provide a polite reminder during and/or shortly after the conclusion of the meeting.

FAQ ID Nr. 715

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Sort Nr. 20080

23 I need an invoice for the meeting fee - can it be emailed to me as a file attachment?

Yes. This is our preferred (and default) method of getting the invoice to you.

FAQ ID Nr. 212

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Sort Nr. 15640

24 I'm a late registrant, and will need to obtain a visa in order to participate in the meeting - what do you suggest I do?

Please contact us without delay to explain your particular situation. We'll let you know what we may or may not be able to do to help.

FAQ ID Nr. 313

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Sort Nr. 16620

25 My institute (or employer) requires that I obtain a letter of confirmation from the meeting organizer in order to be able to participate in the meeting - it must state that I am registered as a participant and/or that my presentation has been accepted - is such a letter available?

Yes. Please just let us know by email that you need one. If you need specific wording in your letter please also state the text that you need in your email message.

FAQ ID Nr. 486

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Sort Nr. 21800

26 I'm interested in the meeting - but I'm not sure at this point that I will be able to participate - is it OK that I delay my registration?

Yes, certainly, we appreciate your situation. Please simply take your time and submit your registration if/when you have finally decided to participate. There is no strict registration deadline for the meeting.

FAQ ID Nr. 329

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Sort Nr. 16800

27 My secretary (or colleague) is taking care my registration and planning for the meeting - is there any reason that I need to communicate with the meeting organizer personally?

Yes, please do, we'd really like to hear from you. Given that the meeting is a little different than most, and is being held in a non-traditional location, we would really like to give you every opportunity to ask any questions you may have about the meeting and/or the meeting location. Whatever your question we'll get back to you personally with the answers that you need.

FAQ ID Nr. 488

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Sort Nr. 22880

28 I am not an expert in the field of the meeting - my expertise is somewhat on the periphery - but I would like to participate in the meeting, will this be possible?

Yes, it's possible and encouraged. Only one thing - before we can allow you to register we do need to know your current institution and affiliation - and we need you to tell us why exactly it is that you are interested in participating in the meeting.

FAQ ID Nr. 161

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Sort Nr. 18340

29 What is the difference between a 'confirmed participant' and an unconfirmed (or prospective) participant?

Simply speaking, confirmed participants have completed the registration procedure whereas unconfirmed participants have not - the names of all confirmed participants will be included on the list on the meeting home page. If you believe that you should be considered a confirmed participant but have not been included on the list please think why that might be - it maybe that your registration is not yet complete - or ask us why by email.

FAQ ID Nr. 555

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Sort Nr. 23440

30 My institute (or employer) requires that I obtain a letter of invitation from the meeting organizer in order to be able to participate in the meeting - is one available?

Yes. Please just let us know by email that you need one. If you need specific wording in your letter please also state the text that you need in your email message.

FAQ ID Nr. 487

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Sort Nr. 21760

31 Could you please send me an overall invoice to accurately reflect the total cost of participating in the meeting?

No, we're sorry to say that this isn't possible. We are able to provide you with an invoice for the meeting fee, but how much you spend on accommodation, food, local transportation and other sundries is entirely down to you and hence rather out of the control of the meeting organizer. If necessary we can prepay your accommodation for you, and so will provide an invoice for your hotel room. We can also point you in the direction of the budget forecast for the meeting which is available on the respective meeting web pages.

Budget Forecasts for upcoming meetings can be found at the following addresses:

Meetings in 2007:

Malaria 2007 –

<http://www.mangosee.com/mangosteen/2007/malaria2007/malaria2007budgetforecast.pdf>

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<http://www.mangosee.com/mangosteen/2008/tb2008/tb2008budgetforecast.pdf>

Enteric Pathogens 2008 –

<http://www.mangosee.com/mangosteen/2008/enterics2008/enterics2008budgetforecast.pdf>

FAQ ID Nr. 50

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Sort Nr. 22280

32 Since my institute (or employer) will not pay for my accommodation costs (I will be reimbursed for my air travel and meeting fee only), is it possible for my meeting fee to be adjusted so that the costs of my accommodation are also included?

Yes, we can do this. In this particular case it is the equivalent of you prepaying for your accommodation. Please just tell what your specific requirements are and we'll do our very best to accommodate your needs.

FAQ ID Nr. 508

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Sort Nr. 21680

33 I won't be able to participate in the meeting - is it OK if I send one of my students or postdocs in my place? And if so, will they be able to present work orally?

Yes, on both counts. It's unfortunate that you won't be able to make it to the meeting, but we welcome your decision to allow one of your junior researchers to take up this opportunity in your place - we believe that it will be an excellent experience for them at this point in their career. All participants are encouraged to present work, so yes, we look forward to receiving your student's request for an oral presentation slot. The request will be given equal consideration to all others.

FAQ ID Nr. 266

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Sort Nr. 15460

34 I need a hard copy (paper print-out) invoice for the meeting fee - will the organizer mail one to me?

Yes, certainly. Please just email us to let us know that you need one - mangosteen@mangosee.com. Note - if you don't specifically request a hard copy then your invoice will be sent by email as a file attachment.

FAQ ID Nr. 197

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Sort Nr. 15440

35 I am not in a position to formally register right now - will you reserve a place for me if I decide to register later?

No, we cannot formally reserve a place for you. However, we certainly will remember your interest and will keep you updated on everything to do with the meeting - may we suggest you submit the internet-based registration form anyway (so that we have your name and contact details etc), and send the meeting organizer an email to say that you may register in the future. In truth, unless the meeting reaches capacity quite quickly then you will have no need to worry about a place being available for you.

FAQ ID Nr. 163

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Sort Nr. 22920

36 I requested an invoice for the meeting fee - but the charges for my accommodation are not included on the invoice - is there a reason for this?

Yes. The charge for your accommodation is not included since this represents a payment that will go directly to the hotel, whereas the meeting fee goes to the meeting organizer. The only time you will be issued with a combined invoice is if you stated to us that you would like to prepay for your accommodation - in which case your payment for your accommodation will also go to the meeting organizer.

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Sort Nr. 22460

37 What is the meeting organizer's (Mangosteen's) VAT (tax) code?

Our VAT number is NL238785841B01.

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Sort Nr. 19620

38 How much is the meeting fee?

The standard meeting fee is 300 euros (not including charges for banks transfers, cheque or credit card payments etc.). The fee is however considered to be somewhat negotiable.

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Sort Nr. 17920

39 Where on the Mangosteen website can I find more information on the meeting fee and how to submit my payment?

Please refer to the following two web pages:

Link to the web page containing the details of the meeting fee -
<http://mangosee.com/mangosteen/two/html/fee.htm>

Link to the web page containing various alternative payment methods -
<http://mangosee.com/mangosteen/two/html/paymentmethods.htm>

FAQ ID Nr. 648

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Sort Nr. 20480

40 I am both a citizen of and work in a developing country - am I required to pay the meeting fee?

No. Mangosteen does take meeting fees from people such as yourself who work in the developing world. Please note however that this fee waiver only relates to the meeting itself (i.e., the scientific sessions) - you will of course need to account for your own travel, accommodation and daily costs.

FAQ ID Nr. 268

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Sort Nr. 15220

41 I work locally to the meeting venue - am I required to pay a meeting fee?

No. Mangosteen does take meeting fees from anyone working in the host nation! As the experts with local knowledge, your participation is most important, and accordingly we encourage you and as many of your colleagues as are interested to show up and participate in the meeting.

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Sort Nr. 15000

42 I've paid the meeting fee and would very much appreciate a receipt - is this possible?

Yes, of course. Please just request a receipt and we will send it to you as an email attachment. If you also need a hard copy (paper print-out) please just let us know and we'll get one to you.

FAQ ID Nr. 469

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Sort Nr. 20620

43 Does the meeting fee waiver (or reduction) apply to my accommodation, food and/or transportation?

No, we're sorry to say that it doesn't - your meeting waiver (or reduction) will entitle you to free science, but not free food and board!

FAQ ID Nr. 84

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Sort Nr. 18440

44 Is payment of the meeting fee mandatory?

No. Mangosteen cannot and will not compel any individual participant to pay the meeting fee since it is our belief that your participation is so much more important than your meeting fee. Although meeting fees keeps the initiative alive and solvent, Mangosteen's meetings are all about participants, science and the exchange of ideas - this is our number one priority. Whether you pay the meeting fee or not you are more than welcome to participate and present work.

FAQ ID Nr. 426

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Sort Nr. 21320

45 Is the meeting fee negotiable?

Yes. The standard meeting fee is 300 euros, but if you consider this to be too high then we are certainly willing to negotiate a reduced meeting fee for you.

FAQ ID Nr. 435

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Sort Nr. 21340

46 Is there a secure webpage on the Mangosteen website that I can use to submit the meeting fee?

No, at this point in time there isn't a dedicated secure page for payment by credit card. We utilize the PayPal service - www.paypal.com - to accept credit card payments. All details on how to send money to the meeting organizer are listed on the meeting home page.

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Sort Nr. 21500

47 What does the meeting fee waiver cover - can you waive more than the meeting fee?

The meeting fee waiver covers access to the scientific sessions only. Sorry to say that it does not cover the costs of your lunch each day of the meeting or your transport to and from the meeting venue.

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Sort Nr. 19700

48 What information do you need from me to be able to issue a receipt for my payment of the meeting fee?

Please provide us with the details of your institute (including it's full name, city and country), your department and current affiliation - and your mailing address. Thanks.

FAQ ID Nr. 548

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Sort Nr. 19600

49 Are speakers required to pay the meeting fee?

Yes please, if at all possible. 'Speakers' are participants like everyone else in attendance, no special dispensation is automatically given to those presenting work. However, Mangosteen cannot and will not compel any individual participant to pay the meeting fee since it is our belief that your participation is so much more important than your meeting fee. Although meeting fees keeps the initiative alive and solvent, Mangosteen's meetings are all about participants, science and the exchange of ideas - this is our number one priority. Whether you pay the meeting fee or not you are more than welcome to participate and present work.

FAQ ID Nr. 15

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Sort Nr. 17860

50 Is there a strict deadline by which I must submit my meeting fee?

No. Don't worry, your registration will not be cancelled if we do not receive your meeting fee payment before any specific date. However, the meeting organizer will greatly appreciate it if you get your payment to us just as soon as you are able after completing the initial registration procedure - this will help us immensely. We would like to collect as many meeting as early as possible ahead of the meeting and aim to collect the complement either during the meeting or shortly after its conclusion.

FAQ ID Nr. 442

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 21400

51 I believe that the registration fee for the meeting is too high - is it negotiable?

Yes. The standard meeting fee is fixed at 300 euros, which we believe it quite fair, but our policy on meeting fees is to be extremely flexible and hence the fee is entirely negotiable. If you do not want to pay the full fee at this time there are several options - either we agree a reduced price at this time, or we agree that your fee will be waived, or we agree to determine your individual meeting fee after the meeting, by which time you will certainly have a much better idea as to how much you deem participation in the meeting to be worth. We're happy either way - your meeting fee is important to us, but your participation in the meeting is all the more important.

FAQ ID Nr. 229

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 15780

52 I would like to pay my meeting fee using a bank transfer - is this possible?

Yes, certainly - this is our preferred method of receiving payment, thanks for keeping it simple. Mangosteen's bank account details are all available on the meeting home page. Please do remember to tick the box stating that you, the sender, pays all bank charges, and do let us know if you have any problems making the transaction.

FAQ ID Nr. 236

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 15860

53 I am from a developed country but currently work in a developing nation - does the meeting fee apply to me?

Not necessarily, it very much depends on how you are funded at present - please contact the meeting organizer to discuss your situation - england@mangosee.com.

FAQ ID Nr. 171

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 18180

54 I am originally from a developing country but currently work in a developed nation - does the meeting fee apply to me?

Yes. Of course everything depends on how you are funded at present - if you are working and are funded just as any other developed world researcher, then you are effectively 'from the north' and hence are not exempt from payment of the meeting fee. If you are funded somewhat differently, if your situation in relation to the meeting fee is still not clear then please contact the meeting organizer to discuss things - england@mangosee.com.

FAQ ID Nr. 170

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 18160

55 Would it be OK if I pay the meeting fee after the meeting?

Yes, if you need to. Whenever possible we aim to collect meeting fees prior to the meeting - however, we are flexible about this, and will happily allow you additional time to pay if you require it. Please do let us know ahead of time to expect your payment after the meeting.

FAQ ID Nr. 749

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 22760

56 I am a citizen of and work in South Africa - am I required to pay the meeting fee?

In general, this very much depends on the nature of your work and your particular funding situation. The question here is whether South Africa is a developing country or not? As we see it, in some respects it is, but in others it certainly is not. If your research group (and institution) is as well funded as if it were in 'the north' then we will certainly not be able to offer you an automatic developing world meeting fee exemption. But if your working situation is greatly different from this, we ask that you please get in touch with us to tell us about it. One thing's for sure, no matter what your funding situation, Mangosteens policy is that you will not be denied participation in the meeting on the basis of whether or not you pay the meeting fee - meeting fees are important to us, but your participation is all the more important - and as an African it's even more important.

FAQ ID Nr. 270

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 23420

57 I will be bringing my wife with me - is there a fee for accompanying guests?

No, the meeting organizer does not charge a fee for accompanying guests.

FAQ ID Nr. 252

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 15060

58 How much will I be charged if I require a refund of my meeting fee?

Charges for refunds depend on when you decide to cancel and request a refund. If you cancel early, in the full refund period, you will only be charged for any bank charges incurred by Mangosteens and a 25 euro processing fee. If you cancel nearer the start of the meeting, in the 50% refund period, you will be charged 50% of the meeting fee plus any bank charges incurred by Mangosteens and the 25 euro processing fee.

FAQ ID Nr. 153

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 17980

59 Are there additional charges for paying by cheque?

Yes. For a cheque drawn in euros - please include an additional 10 euros (totalling 310 euros for the standard meeting fee) to cover the bank charges that will be incurred for depositing the cheque. If you are intending to pay with a cheque drawn in any other currency please contact the meeting organizer beforehand - non-euro cheques will incur additional bank charges.

FAQ ID Nr. 16

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 17620

60 Are there any reasons that I shouldn't elect to pay the meeting fee directly to the organizer 'on site' in cash during the meeting?

Yes. If at all possible please do not choose this method of payment - the meeting organizer would prefer to accept payment in cash on site as a last resort only. The reason for this is simple - we do not want to have too much cash on our hands while in West Africa - cash is too easily lost, or conceivably stolen. If you are intending to pay the meeting fee in cash on site please kindly let us know beforehand.

FAQ ID Nr. 24

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 17720

61 I'm a student in a developed nation with an extremely limited budget for participating in conferences - does the meeting fee waiver include the cost of my accommodation and daily expenses?

No.

FAQ ID Nr. 317

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 16440

62 Is it OK if I submit my meeting fee payment as an international bank cheque (banker's draft)?

Yes, absolutely. Please make sure the cheque is drawn in euros. and add 10 euros to the total to account for the charges that cashing the cheque will incur. For the standard meeting please therefore make the cheque out to the value of 310 euros.

FAQ ID Nr. 395

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 16220

63 I work locally to where the meeting will be held - will the meeting organizers pay my transport and/or meal costs?

No. We're sorry to say that although we are able to sponsor your participation to the extent of waiving the meeting fee for all locally based researchers, we are not able to pay your costs for travelling to the meeting or for your lunch each day. We will provide free science (and free refreshments), but more than this will I'm afraid be at the discretion of the meeting organizer.

FAQ ID Nr. 274

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 15280

64 I'm interested to participate in the meeting, but I'm desperately short of funds - I don't qualify for a fee waiver as a researcher in the developing world, I don't qualify for a fee reduction/waiver as a student - is there another way in which the organizer is able to help me with the meeting fee?

It's very simple, Mangosteem is extremely flexible - you may qualify for a meeting fee reduction or waiver by explaining your situation. Please just send us an email to tell us all about it. We greatly value your interest in the meeting, and although the meeting fee is important to us, your participation is all the more important so we'll do whatever we can to help.

FAQ ID Nr. 330

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 16820

65 I'm a student in a developed nation with an extremely limited budget for participating in conferences. The registration fee for the meeting is rather more than I can afford to pay - would it be possible for you to reduce the registration fee so that I can participate in the meeting?

Yes, absolutely. We can reduce the meeting fee, but given that you are student, we are only too happy to waive the meeting fee to enable you to participate. So, please don't worry about finding the resources to pay the meeting fee. Although meeting fees are important to us, your participation is all the more important, so we'll do whatever we can to help.

FAQ ID Nr. 315

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 16660

66 I'm a student (in a developed nation) with limited resources - the registration fee for the meeting is rather more than I can afford to pay at this time - would it be possible for the meeting organizer to pay my travel, accommodation and daily expenses during the meeting?

Sorry, but no. Mangosteen is a very small, new initiative which currently has little by way of external support for travel grants. This situation will hopefully change in the future, so allowing us to be able to support the participation of prospective participants who lack the resources to travel. The one thing the meeting organizer is able to do by way of financial assistance at this point in time is to waive the meeting fee - please check FAQs on meeting fee reduction and contact us if you need further assistance on the matter.

FAQ ID Nr. 314

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 16900

67 I would prefer to pay my meeting fee direct to the organizer 'on site' at the start of the meeting - which currencies are acceptable?

If you intend to pay the meeting fee 'on site', please do let this be known to the meeting organizer well ahead of travelling to the meeting. We prefer to receive payment in either euros or in local currency. If absolutely necessary we will also accept US dollars and UK pounds sterling.

FAQ ID Nr. 282

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 15360

68 Is my country a developing country - am I obliged to pay the meeting fee or will it be waived?

Please ask us by email - england@mangosee.com - if you are not sure whether you are eligible for an automatic meeting fee waiver.

FAQ ID Nr. 425

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 21300

69 Does the future of Mangosteen's meetings depend on the fees paid by meeting participants?

Yes, very much so. Participants' meeting fees support Mangosteen's initiative to a great extent.

FAQ ID Nr. 80

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 21940

70 Can I prepay for the hotel if I need to do so?

Yes. For the most part meeting participants pay for their room upon departure from the hotel. However, if for whatever reason you need to pay for your room prior to travelling to participate in the meeting please contact the meeting organizer to let us know and we will arrange that for you. We will let you know the total cost and ask that you transfer payment to Mangosteen by a method of your choice.

FAQ ID Nr. 45

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 16980

71 Does Mangosteen's bank account have an ABA routing number?

No. The ABA (American Bankers' Association) routing number is used for US domestic transfers and is not applicable to international bank to bank transfers. For transfers to Mangosteen's account (in The Netherlands) the numbers you will need to use to complete the transaction are the IBAN (International Bank Account Number) and the BIC (Bank Identifier Code). Mangosteen's full bank and account details are as follows: account name = Mangosteen; account number = 21.21.79.527; IBAN = NL84 TRIO 0212179527; BIC = TRIONL21.

FAQ ID Nr. 74

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 22660

72 Is PayPal safe and secure?

Yes, we believe that PayPal is perfectly safe to use. Thousands or perhaps even millions of people use the service daily to pay for items purchased on eBay - they simply wouldn't use it if it wasn't an extremely trustworthy service.

FAQ ID Nr. 427

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 21960

73 I would like to pay my meeting fee using a direct bank transfer - where (on the website) can I find Mangosteen's bank details to transfer to?

Mangosteen's bank account details are listed on the following page:
<http://mangosee.com/mangosteen/two/html/paymentmethods.htm>

FAQ ID Nr. 237

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 15880

74 I would like to pay the meeting fee by credit card - is this possible?

Yes, it is possible to pay by credit card. However, Mangosteen does not yet have a secure website with which meeting participants can make a direct credit card payment to us. Instead, we ask that you use the PayPal service at www.paypal.com to facilitate credit card payments. Details of how to pay us by PayPal are on the following page - <http://mangosee.com/mangosteen/two/html/paymentmethods.htm>

FAQ ID Nr. 238

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 15900

75 I will be participating in the meeting and want to one of my students to participate also. However, since our resources are limited, I would like to know whether or not the meeting organizer is willing to either reduce or waive the meeting fee for my student?

Yes, of course, we welcome both of you as participants and we are certainly quite happy to waive the meeting fee for your student. We are always willing to do whatever we can to increase the number of junior researchers, their participation is so important to the success of each meeting.

FAQ ID Nr. 256

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 15140

76 I will be participating in the meeting as a representative for an established scientific society or association - will I be subject to the meeting fee?

Quite possible not, we certainly welcome your participation and so it's not at all out of the question that we can waive the meeting fee. Before anything else, please do get in touch to tell us about your situation, we're very keen to hear about your particular circumstances?

FAQ ID Nr. 257

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 15160

77 Why is Mangosteen willing to waive meeting fees?

Meeting fees are important to the meeting and to the meeting organizer - but your participation in the meeting is more important. For this reason we are only too happy to waive meeting fees to help those that lack resources to be able to participate.

FAQ ID Nr. 684

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 19960

78 I would like to pay the meeting fee with an international bank draft (banker's cheque) - what currency should I make the cheque payable in?

Please make the cheque out in euros. Please also include ten euros in addition to the meeting fee to cover the bank charges that depositing a bank cheque will incur. If you would like to use a currency other than euros (such as US dollars or UK pounds sterling) please contact us first - additional charges will apply since our bank will make a currency conversion.

FAQ ID Nr. 239

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 15920

79 Is it OK if I send a cheque in US Dollars (or UK sterling, or other major currency rather than euros) to pay the meeting fee?

We would prefer that if at all possible you please don't send cheques (international bank cheques, banker's draft) in US dollars - such cheques create problems for us to cash, and as a result there will be additional charges to add to your basic meeting fee. If you have no other option but to pay with a US dollar or other non-euro cheque please do contact us ahead of time.

FAQ ID Nr. 394

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 15960

80 I would prefer to pay by credit card but don't feel comfortable using PayPal - how do I pay?

Since you're not comfortable with PayPal and we would prefer not to take in too much cash while on site in Africa (since it's too easily lost or at worst stolen), might we suggest you pay by direct bank transfer - it's an extremely straightforward and secure way to pay. Mangosteens bank account details are on the meeting home page. If you're not happy paying by bank transfer then we suggest you either hold off on paying so that we can discuss how best to make the transfer during the meeting, or otherwise pay the meeting organizer in cash on site as a last resort.

FAQ ID Nr. 234

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 22260

81 I don't seem to be able to complete the PayPal transaction successfully - what do you suggest for payment of the meeting fee?

Please do let us know what the problem seems to be - PayPal is generally quite straightforward - many meeting participants have used this payment method successfully previously. Alternatively - a direct bank transfer is most certainly our preferred method of payment - please see the meeting home page for Mangosteens bank account details.

FAQ ID Nr. 177

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 24080

82 When is the cancellation deadline for a full refund of the meeting fee?

The date for a full refund is typically of the order of 10 weeks prior to the start date of the meeting - please see the following web page and/or the respective meeting home page for exact dates - <http://mangosee.com/mangosteens/two/html/cancelrefund.htm>

FAQ ID Nr. 615

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 20220

83 When is the cancellation deadline for a 50% refund of the meeting fee?

The date for a 50% refund is typically approximately 6 weeks prior to the start date of the meeting - please see the following web page and/or the respective meeting home page for exact dates - <http://mangosee.com/mangosteens/two/html/cancelrefund.htm>

FAQ ID Nr. 614

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 20200

84 Am I in any way required or expected to stay for the full duration of the meeting programme?

No. You come when you want and you leave when you want, and you need only participate in the sessions that are of interest to you. You are not obliged to the meeting organizer in any way.

FAQ ID Nr. 3

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 17420

85 I can pay the meeting fee by several different methods, but please tell me what the meeting organizer's preferred way to receive payment is?

Thanks for being so flexible and considerate, we appreciate it. Given the choice we prefer direct bank transfers (with all charges paid by the sender). Secondly, for participants who prefer to pay by credit card, we are more than happy to accept payments via the PayPal service (please account for PayPal's charges). Bank account and other payment details are all available on the respective meeting home page.

FAQ ID Nr. 166

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 17880

86 What is the meeting fee used for?

The meeting fees both cover the costs of hosting the meeting in the selected venue and support Mangosteen's initiative as a whole. This and future meetings very much depend on your meeting fees, and we are extremely grateful to all participants who are able to make these most valuable contributions.

FAQ ID Nr. 567

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 18960

87 Are any additional charges incurred by paying the meeting fee by credit card?

Yes. Mangosteen accepts payment via credit card using the internet based service called PayPal (www.paypal.com). Please include an additional 12 euros to cover PayPal's service charges. Thanks.

FAQ ID Nr. 9

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 17500

88 Are Dutch (meaning resident in The Netherlands) meeting participants charged BTW?

Yes. Please include an additional 19% on payment of the meeting fee. The standard meeting fee of 300 euros therefore totals 357 euros. Please contact the meeting organizer if you have any questions - mangosteen@mangosee.com

FAQ ID Nr. 10

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 17520

89 Do I pay for the hotel in Dakar locally?

Yes. Payment for your hotel room goes directly to the hotel reception, typically when you check out.

FAQ ID Nr. 64

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 17240

90 Do I pay for the hotel in Kololi locally?

Yes. Payment for your hotel room goes directly to the hotel reception, typically when you check out.

FAQ ID Nr. 65

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 17260

91 I am planning to submit my registration fee. Since the money transfer will incur (bank) charges, is it advisable to combine things and also submit a payment for my food and accommodation along with the meeting fee?

No, please don't combine these payments. The meeting fee comes to Mangosteem, the meeting organizer - whereas your payment for accommodation will go direct to the hotel, and your dining expenses will go straight to the respective restaurant. Although it's not generally necessary, if you specifically request it, we can arrange for you to prepay for your hotel room - please contact us to arrange this.

FAQ ID Nr. 164

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 18100

92 Are there charter flights from the United Kingdom to Banjul?

Yes. There are twice weekly flights from London Gatwick - the best place for information is The Gambia Experience (www.gambia.co.uk) in London. Thomas Cook also operates charter flights. There are also charter flights from Manchester.

FAQ ID Nr. 31

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 17780

93 Are there any direct flights from the United States to Dakar, Senegal?

Yes. South African Airways (www.flysaa.com) operates a daily service from New York's JFK airport.

FAQ ID Nr. 20

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 17680

94 Are there any direct flights from New York to Banjul?

No, but there is a new weekly direct flight to Banjul from Baltimore - www.northamericanair.com.

FAQ ID Nr. 21

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 17700

95 Are there any scheduled flights from the United Kingdom to Banjul?

Yes. Astraeus recently started up a scheduled service from London Gatwick to Banjul, flying twice per week. Astraeus can be contacted directly (www.astraeusgambia.com) or via The Gambia Experience (www.gambia.co.uk) in London.

FAQ ID Nr. 25

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 17740

96 Is it a good deal to buy a charter flight & hotel package for my stay in Kololi, The Gambia?

Yes - financially speaking it's generally the best deal of all. If the flight fits your schedule we recommend you take the package deal, opting to stay at one of the hotels in Kololi (or possibly Kotu).

FAQ ID Nr. 385

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 16140

97 I will be travelling to The Gambia from Western Europe - what is the best way to purchase a flight and to organize a hotel in Kololi?

There is really no better deal when travelling to the Gambian coast than to fly with a charter airline and to attach your accommodation as a package. There are twice weekly charter flights from London Gatwick which are organized by the Gambia Experience (www.gambia.co.uk) and there is at least one flight per week from Amsterdam (www.travelpoort.nl). To the best of our knowledge there are also charter flights from Madrid.

FAQ ID Nr. 339

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 16160

98 I'm planning to fly to Banjul on a charter company's flight from London - should I also take their accommodation as a package deal or should I allow the meeting organizer to make reservations at a recommended hotel for me?

There is really no better deal (financially speaking) when travelling to the Gambian coast than to fly with a charter airline and to attach your accommodation as a package. All of the hotels used by tour companies are close to the venue of the meeting in Kololi, indeed many are within easy walking distance. With this in mind we certainly recommend that if you have the opportunity to do so, you should certainly take the flight & hotel package - it is sure to be both extremely convenient and cost-effective.

FAQ ID Nr. 335

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 16200

99 I'm planning to fly to Banjul on a charter company's flight from Amsterdam - should I also take their accommodation as a package deal or should I allow the meeting organizer to make reservations at a recommended hotel for me?

There is really no better deal (financially speaking) when travelling to the Gambian coast than to fly with a charter airline and to attach your accommodation as a package. All of the hotels used by tour companies are close to the venue of the meeting in Kololi, indeed many are within easy walking distance. With this in mind we certainly recommend that if you have the opportunity to do so, you should certainly take the flight & hotel package - it is sure to be both extremely convenient and cost-effective.

FAQ ID Nr. 334

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 16880

100 Are there charter flights to Banjul from The Netherlands?

Yes. There are very reasonably priced weekly flights from Amsterdam to Banjul, which operate each Monday (as of July 2006). The company to contact is Travelexport (www.travelexport.nl).

FAQ ID Nr. 30

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 17760

101 Are there any direct flights from the United States to The Gambia?

Yes. As of June 2006, a direct route started up on North American Airlines (www.northamericanair.com), flying from Baltimore, Maryland to Banjul once per week.

FAQ ID Nr. 19

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 17660

102 Are there direct flights to Senegal from East and South Africa?

Yes. Amongst others, Kenyan Airways flies several times per week to Dakar from Nairobi, and South African Airways operates a daily flight to Dakar from Johannesburg.

FAQ ID Nr. 32

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 17800

103 Are there direct flights to The Gambia from East and South Africa?

No, to the best of our knowledge there are none. Perhaps the best routes to Banjul from Eastern and Southern Africa will take you to Dakar, Senegal first. Amongst others, Kenyan Airways flies several times per week to Dakar from Nairobi, and South African Airways operates a daily flight to Dakar from Johannesburg.

FAQ ID Nr. 33

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 17820

104 Which airlines fly from Europe to Dakar, Senegal?

A number of airlines fly to Dakar including Air France (via Paris), TAP Portugal (via Lisbon), Iberia (via Madrid), Condor (via Frankfurt), SN Brussels (via Brussels) and Royal Air Maroc (via Casablanca)

FAQ ID Nr. 669

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 19760

105 Which airlines fly from the USA to Dakar, Senegal?

South African Airways operates a daily flight from JFK airport in New York.

FAQ ID Nr. 671

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 19780

106 Which airlines operate scheduled flights to Banjul, The Gambia?

SN Brussels - flying via Dakar. Condor also flies to Banjul during certain months of the year.

FAQ ID Nr. 672

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 19800

107 What's the best airport to fly to?

Gambia's only international airport is in Banjul, which is only a 20 minute drive from the venue for the meeting.

FAQ ID Nr. 599

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 19120

108 Does SN Brussels fly direct to Dakar from Brussels?

Yes. The plane flies on to Banjul afterwards.

FAQ ID Nr. 77

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 18380

109 Are there regular charter flights from Spain to Banjul, The Gambia?

Yes. To the best of our knowledge there is a weekly flight (on Thursdays) from Madrid operated by Spanair (www.spanair.com).

FAQ ID Nr. 36

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 22500

110 I have not been able to find a low cost ticket from Italy (or other EU country) to Banjul - the cheapest I have been able to find is 2500 euros - is this the normal price for a ticket to Banjul?

No, an economy class return/round-trip ticket from practically any country in the European Union should not cost as much as 1000 euros, let alone more than double this price. In our experience you should expect to pay somewhere between 500 and 700 euros. Airlines flying to Banjul include SN Brussels (from Brussels, scheduled), Astraeus (from London Gatwick, scheduled), Gambia Experience (from London Gatwick, www.gambia.co.uk, charter) and Travelpoort (from Amsterdam, www.travelpoort.nl, charter).

FAQ ID Nr. 187

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 18260

111 Does SN Brussels fly direct to Banjul from Brussels?

Yes. The plane stops briefly in Dakar en route.

FAQ ID Nr. 76

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 17640

112 Which is the best travel agent/tour company to contact for flight and hotel information in The Gambia?

There are several depending on where you live - but one of the best set up is certainly The Gambia Experience in the UK - <http://www.gambia.co.uk>

FAQ ID Nr. 98

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 18520

113 Will the meeting organizer make all of the necessary travel arrangements to get from Dakar to Tendaba, and back?

Yes.

FAQ ID Nr. 721

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 22180

114 Where on the Mangosteen website can I find information pertaining to general and practical information on the meeting, advice on flights and accommodation etc.?

Please refer to the following password protected web page. All confirmed participants will be given access to the page after completing the registration procedure - please request the password if you don't already have it.

Link to Web Page containing General and Practical Information on the meeting - <http://mangosee.com/mangosteen/info/index.htm>

FAQ ID Nr. 649

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 20500

115 What's the best route to take to get to Dakar from Brazil?

To the best of our knowledge (as of 2005), the most direct (and quite possibly the most cost-effective) route from Brazil to Senegal is on TACV Cabo Verde Airlines (www.tacv.cv) which flies from Fortaleza via the Cape Verde islands.

FAQ ID Nr. 604

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 19220

116 What's the best route to Dakar from East Africa?

To the best of our knowledge the only direct to Senegal from the East of Africa is on Kenyan Airways via Nairobi.

FAQ ID Nr. 603

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 19200

117 What's the best route to Banjul from East Africa?

To the best of our knowledge the only direct to Senegal or The Gambia from the East of Africa is the Kenyan Airways flight from Nairobi to Dakar. It's then fairly straightforward to fly from Dakar to Banjul.

FAQ ID Nr. 602

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 19160

118 What's the best route to Banjul from Denmark?

There are quite a few options to get to Banjul from Denmark. Perhaps the first thing to do is to check with a travel agent to see if there are direct charter flights from Copenhagen to Banjul - there may be at certain times in the year. In the absence of Danish charters, then a UK or Dutch charter is certainly a very reasonable option - there are year-round regular charter flights from both London and Amsterdam. Further to this (and certainly not the first choice option), it's always possible to get to Banjul after first flying to Dakar. There are a large number of flights from Copenhagen to Dakar, via various European cities (airline hubs), and from Dakar there are at least two local airlines (Air Senegal and Slok) operating flights to Banjul.

FAQ ID Nr. 601

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 19140

119 Are there any travel agents or travel companies that specialize in flights to The Gambia?

Yes, the Gambia Experience in London - www.gambia.co.uk - and in The Netherlands try Travelpoort - www.travelpoort.nl.

FAQ ID Nr. 454

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 20680

120 Does Condor Airlines fly between Dakar and Banjul?

Flights from Frankfurt fly to Dakar en route to Banjul - and so drop off many passengers in Dakar. We cannot however provide information on whether Condor picks up passengers in Dakar for the onward journey to Banjul. Condor's website is www.condor.de or www.condor.com.

FAQ ID Nr. 69

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 24200

121 I'll be transiting in Dakar for one night and so will be needing a hotel either near the airport or in the city centre. Do you have any recommendations?

Yes, in general we recommend that short term visitors to Dakar stay in Hotel Al Baraka in the centre of the city - we can easily make your reservation there for you. We have no first hand experience of hotels at or near the airport - but several of Tuberculosis 2006's meeting participants elected to spend a night at Hotel Les Mamelles and were happy enough with it. There is also a hotel in the arrivals area of Dakar airport - it's not the most attractive hotel in the city, but it is certainly the most convenient for anyone flying in or out. Please ask if you would like further details.

FAQ ID Nr. 310

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Sort Nr. 16560

122 How much will a plane ticket from France to Senegal cost?

The most direct route from France to Dakar is on Air France from Paris - however this is likely not the cheapest option. Meeting participants from France have in the past used Iberia, travelling via Madrid. Experience tells us that a flight from most European airports to Dakar generally costs somewhere between 600 and 850 euros.

FAQ ID Nr. 152

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Sort Nr. 17960

123 The meeting programme begins in Dakar, Senegal but ends in Tendaba, The Gambia - does this mean that I should plan on flying home from Banjul rather than Dakar?

Ordinarily, no. The meeting group will return to Dakar after completing the programme in Tendaba. However, if you specifically want to travel to the Gambian coast and then fly home from Banjul this is possible - please let us know if you are considering this route before you purchase your plane ticket.

FAQ ID Nr. 517

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Sort Nr. 21780

124 Should I wait until my visa is issued to purchase my plane ticket?

No, absolutely not - once you have decided to participate in the meeting we recommend that you go ahead and buy your plane ticket without giving any consideration to whether or not you need a visa. Although this may be contrary to what you expect to hear, a visa for The Gambia is really not that important - you will not be denied entry to the country because you do not have a visa.

FAQ ID Nr. 503

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Sort Nr. 21820

125 Should I wait until my visa is issued to purchase my plane ticket?

This is a very difficult question to answer. In the spring of 2006 several meeting participants delayed purchasing their plane tickets since they did not want to confirm their plans and spend the money before being issued with a visa by the authorities in Dakar. Their visas were issued very late on - but they did not participate in the meeting since the airlines/travel agents were not willing to hold their ticket reservations until the point that the visas were finally issued! The one way to avoid this problem is to apply for your visa early - very early, long before you even consider booking a plane ticket. If you find your self in such a predicament please contact us, we may be able to advise or assist you.

FAQ ID Nr. 502

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Sort Nr. 21660

126 I plan to travel to Banjul via Dakar - what are my flight options between the two cities?

As of July 2006, there are two airlines operating scheduled flights between Dakar and Banjul - these are Air Sénégal International (www.air-senegal-international.com) and Slok Air Gambia. Slok is slightly cheaper than Air Sénégal. Between the two airlines there is a total of either two or three return flights per day - the flight times vary for different days of the week, some days in the morning, some days in the evening and some days both. From Europe, SN Brussels and Condor Airlines both fly through Dakar en route to Banjul.

FAQ ID Nr. 224

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Sort Nr. 15480

127 I will be arriving on a charter company flight, as part of a flight and hotel package - how do I get from the airport to the hotel?

Very easily. The charter company will have a locally based tour representative meet you - you will then join a coach which will take you directly to your hotel. It's the cheapest and easiest way to arrive at your hotel in The Gambia, it's practically impossible to go wrong.

FAQ ID Nr. 307

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Sort Nr. 16520

128 How long does it take to travel between Dakar and Banjul overland?

It's a journey of about 10-11 hours depending on delays at the river crossing and border posts.

FAQ ID Nr. 129

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Sort Nr. 18120

129 Are there any direct flights between India and The Gambia?

No. Several Indian researchers travelled to Tuberculosis 2006 in April 2006 - the route they were forced to take took them from India to Nairobi in Kenya, then on to Dakar (on Kenyan Airlines) before flying to Banjul (on Air Senegal) - with the exception of travelling via Europe this is almost certainly the most direct route.

FAQ ID Nr. 17

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Sort Nr. 17400

130 I intend to fly to The Gambia via Dakar, Senegal - can you help me to obtain a transit visa for Senegal?

Maybe, but not definitely - it very much depends on the timing, but we'll do everything we can to help. Please make sure that you contact the meeting organizer (england@mangosee.com) as soon as possible to allow us the opportunity to advise and assist. Please also be prepared to email us a scanned image of your passport.

FAQ ID Nr. 159

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Sort Nr. 18040

131 Are there any direct flights from Tehran, Iran to Dakar?

No, not as far as we know. You will more than likely have to fly either via Europe (many direct flights to Dakar) or Nairobi (direct flight to Dakar on Kenyan Airways)

FAQ ID Nr. 22

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 23680

132 Does the meeting organizer make arrangements for meeting participants' flights to Senegal or The Gambia?

No, at this point in time your flights are in your own hands. In the future we may be able to help those participants flying to The Gambia (please ask us later), but we are only able to assist participants flying to Dakar with information on flight routes and airlines etc.

FAQ ID Nr. 87

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 18460

133 If I choose to leave Tendaba earlier/later than the group - how will I get back to Dakar? Are there regular buses between Tendaba and the Senegalese capital?

No, there are no regular 'buses' between Tendaba and Dakar. It's also not a particularly easy or straightforward journey to make if you've not done it before, or if you are unfamiliar with getting around in a place like rural West Africa. Once you are sure that you will be making the journey please ask the meeting organizer to advise/assist you on how to go about it at some point during the meeting.

FAQ ID Nr. 291

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 15980

134 Will there be time enough available that I can plan to fly home on the same afternoon or evening after returning from Tendaba?

Yes, that won't be a problem at all. However, if you do intend to fly home immediately upon returning from Tendaba please do let the meeting organizer know as soon as you have confirmed your travel plans so that we can give due consideration to the necessary transportation arrangements.

FAQ ID Nr. 746

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Sort Nr. 23560

135 I will be travelling to Banjul via Dakar - and arriving in Dakar on a day when there will be no meeting representative to meet me at the airport. Is there any possibility that you could arrange for someone to meet me and take me to a city centre hotel?

Yes, we can certainly arrange for someone to meet you. This is something that we have done before for meeting participants of Tuberculosis 2006. Mangosteen's contacts in Dakar will be only too happy to provide this service for a small fee of approximately 20-25 euros. Please let us know your exact travel plans as soon as you finalize them and we will make the necessary arrangements and hotel reservation at a reliable hotel in the centre of the city.

FAQ ID Nr. 259

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 22600

136 What's advice can you offer on travelling from Lagos, Nigeria to Dakar?

To the best of our knowledge there are flights from Lagos to Dakar twice per week with Bellview Airlines. It is also possible to fly from Nigeria to Dakar on Cameroon Airlines.

FAQ ID Nr. 597

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Sort Nr. 19100

137 I will be travelling to Dakar after first visiting Bamako in Mali - are there scheduled flights between the two cities?

Yes, to the best of our knowledge there are a number of flights each week between Bamako and Dakar. Airlines operating this route (as of mid-2006) include Air Senegal International, Kenyan Airways and Air Cameroun. It takes a lot longer, but there is also a regular train service between Bamako and Dakar!

FAQ ID Nr. 260

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 22620

138 Would it be OK to plan to fly to West Africa just one day before the start of the meeting?

Yes, unless your plane is very much delayed then there shouldn't be any problem whatever. This notwithstanding, we do recommend that all meeting participants allow themselves a little in the meeting location in order to get their bearings ahead of the meeting - this is certainly most valuable in a big, noisy city with the intensity of Dakar. It also certainly helps to have a little time to find the banks and exchange bureaus etc., in order to quickly be self-sufficient in the local currency.

FAQ ID Nr. 751

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 22940

139 What advice can you offer on travelling from Lagos, Nigeria to Banjul?

To the best of our knowledge there are flights from Lagos to Banjul twice per week with Bellview Airlines.

FAQ ID Nr. 596

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 19080

140 How long does it take for the High Commission of The Gambia in Dakar, Senegal to issue visas?

One day at most - if you're lucky (or just a little pushy) you may be able to submit your application in the morning and collect your passport and visa the same afternoon.

FAQ ID Nr. 124

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 18760

141 My flight will arrive in Dakar at a time of day (late at night) when there are no flights to Banjul - so how do I get from Dakar to Banjul?

The short answer is that you can't get to Banjul unless you travel overland. If you arrive in Dakar late at night then your very best option is to stay in a Dakar hotel for the night and then fly on to Banjul the next morning.

FAQ ID Nr. 480

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 23100

142 I don't need a visa to enter Senegal - but I do need one to enter The Gambia - is it possible to apply for the Gambian visa during my first few days in Dakar?

Yes. Visas are issued by the Gambian High Commission in the centre of Dakar. The application is extremely straightforward with visa being issued within 24 hours. Beware of the week-end - the high commission is closed on Saturday afternoons and on Sunday. Please ask the meeting organizer for assistance once you arrive in Dakar.

FAQ ID Nr. 175

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 23080

143 Does the meeting organizer need the details of my flight home?

Yes, please. It will help us ensure that all hotel reservations are correct, as well as giving us the information we need to make sure that you get to the airport on time, should you require any assistance at the time.

FAQ ID Nr. 89

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 22140

144 Are there any trains between Dakar and Banjul?

No. There is no bridge across the Gambia River at the mouth of the river - hence a train service is impossible.

FAQ ID Nr. 27

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 24120

145 Is it true that all flights to Europe and North America depart Dakar late at night?

Flight times change - but as of the spring of 2006, it was true to say that almost all flights to Europe and North America left Dakar either late at night or in the early hours of the morning.

FAQ ID Nr. 423

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 21040

146 Does the meeting organizer have deals with certain airline companies for discounted flights for meeting participants?

Please ask us about this nearer the time of the meeting - this is something we are working on at this point in time.

FAQ ID Nr. 85

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 22040

147 Are there regular buses between Dakar and Banjul?

No. There are no regular buses between the two capitals - but there are long distance 'bush taxis' that make the journey, albeit with one or more changes of vehicles and an indeterminate delay at the Gambia River ferry crossing. If you ultimately need to travel between Dakar and Banjul over land please let the meeting organizer know, we'll do our best to advise you on your transport options.

FAQ ID Nr. 35

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 17160

148 Does the meeting organizer need my flight arrival details?

Yes, please - your arrival details will help us when it comes to both meeting you at the airport and making your hotel reservations.

FAQ ID Nr. 88

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 22120

149 Does the meeting organizer have deals with certain airline companies for discounted flights for meeting participants?

No, we're afraid this isn't something we've been able to arrange thus far, though it's something to keep work on for the future.

FAQ ID Nr. 86

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 22060

150 Is it possible for the meeting organiser to purchase a plane ticket for me to fly from Dakar to Banjul?

We are far from being the best method to use to purchase your Senegal to Banjul plane ticket. However, although we make no guarantees, if all else fails, under certain circumstances we may be able to help.

FAQ ID Nr. 398

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Sort Nr. 22540

151 How easy is it to take a taxi from Banjul airport to Kololi?

It's very easy. There are always a number of tourist taxis (coloured green) at Banjul airport waiting to pick up arriving passengers. All you need to do is talk to the driver (or wait a few seconds for one to talk to you!) and off you go. The prices are fixed and are posted on a board just outside of the terminal. Elsewhere you will also find cheaper local taxis (coloured yellow), but these cars are not allowed to pick up passengers at the airport.

FAQ ID Nr. 114

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Sort Nr. 24100

152 Is the meeting organizer able/willing to organize and purchase my plane ticket to Senegal for me?

Yes, we are willing to purchase your plane ticket and mail it to you. Our service charge for doing so is 150 euros per ticket. We will also need you to submit an advanced payment of the total estimated cost of the ticket(s) and mailing costs before we go ahead with the reservation.

FAQ ID Nr. 437

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Sort Nr. 22780

153 Is it possible to travel between Dakar and Kololi overland?

Yes. However, the trip takes approximately 10 hours, involves several changes of vehicle and a river crossing and is not recommended for anyone without prior experience of travelling around a region such as West Africa. If your schedule demands that you make this trip please do contact us to let us know prior to confirming your travel and flight plans.

FAQ ID Nr. 416

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 21120

154 I plan to stay in Dakar for one or two nights en route to The Gambia - are you able to advise me on suitable hotels either near the airport or in the centre of the city?

Yes, that's easily done. Please contact us once you know your exact flight details and we'll discuss the options. Depending on your wishes, we may also be able to help you by making the hotel reservations.

FAQ ID Nr. 223

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Sort Nr. 23340

155 Can I get a visa for The Gambia in Senegal?

Yes. Visas are available from the high commission of The Gambia in the centre of Dakar - ask the meeting organizer for directions. The application procedure is extremely straightforward - in addition to application forms in duplicate you will also need to submit passport photos and the fee for the visa, which in early 2006 was FCFA 25,000 (approximately \$45 US). Your visa will be issued within 24 hours. Application forms are available on Mangosteens website and are available to confirmed participants.

Link for application form to apply for a Gambian visa from the High Commission of The Gambia in Dakar, Senegal:

http://mangosee.com/mangosteens/info/gambian_high_commission_dakar Visa_application.pdf

FAQ ID Nr. 44

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Sort Nr. 16960

156 I have a lay-over of more than four hours in Dakar before my flight to Banjul - will this allow time to visit the city?

Yes, certainly. A taxi ride to the centre generally only takes 20 minutes. If you do intend to go into the city, please ask us for advice on where to leave your luggage and which are the best places to eat etc.

FAQ ID Nr. 182

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 23140

157 Is the meeting organizer able/willing to organize and purchase my plane ticket to The Gambia for me?

Yes, we are willing to purchase your plane ticket and mail it to you. Our service charge for doing so is 150 euros per ticket. We will also need you to submit an advanced payment of the total estimated cost of the ticket(s) and mailing costs before we go ahead with the reservation.

FAQ ID Nr. 438

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Sort Nr. 23260

158 What time will the meeting group arrive in Dakar after returning from Tendaba?

Due to the traffic in and around Dakar it's always quite difficult to say exactly how long the journey from Tendaba will take. In general, however, it's approximately a 10 hour journey - and with an early morning departure from Tendaba the aim is to be back in Dakar by 5pm or so. If you are planning to fly home from Dakar on the same evening, please make sure that your flight does not depart Dakar before 9pm - and please let us know ahead of time that you are intending to fly home immediately upon returning from Tendaba.

FAQ ID Nr. 583

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Sort Nr. 22960

159 What is the time limit of transit in Dakar - meaning to say, is there a limit to how long I can stay in the transit lounge waiting for my connection?

We're sorry to say that we have no information with which to answer this question. All that we can add is that if you will be travelling to Banjul via Dakar (and you have not been checked-in from your home airport all the way to Banjul - which we believe is generally the case) then you will almost certainly have to leave the arrivals area to check-in at the departures area. To the best of our knowledge, of all of the meeting participants who have flown to Banjul via Dakar, none have 'transited in Dakar' - each has formally been admitted to Senegal after passing through immigration, and have then exited Senegal after again passing through immigration.

160 I need a visa to enter Senegal - is it possible that I can get it directly from my local Senegalese embassy/consulate?

Yes, and that's certainly the most convenient option of all. Depending on where you live you may need a letter of invitation from the meeting organizer in order to apply for the visa - if so, please let us know and we'll send you one.

161 Is it possible to obtain a visa for The Gambia at the airport in Banjul, The Gambia?

To the best of our knowledge this does not happen. Instead, what might happen is that the immigration officers at Banjul airport specifically tell you to go to the Immigration Police Headquarters in Banjul to obtain a visa (in our experience they never do this!). If the immigration officers at airport do not specifically tell you to go to the Immigration Police HQ to obtain a visa then there is no longer any reason that you should consider applying for a visa!

162 Is it possible to obtain a visa for The Gambia after arriving in The Gambia?

Yes. The immigration police in Banjul have the authority to solve any visa problems you may have. However, if the immigration officers at airport do not specifically tell you to go to the Immigration Police HQ to obtain a visa then there will be no reason for you to think of doing so.

163 I'm in the US - how can I get a visa for The Gambia?

There are several options - you can apply to the embassy of The Gambia in Washington, D.C. - or you use a service such as www.visaconnection.com - or you can request that the meeting organizer applies for a visa clearance letter from the High Commission of The Gambia in London on your behalf - or you can fly to The Gambia and sort out your immigration status at the airport. One thing to note - unless there is a drastic change in its immigration regulations, The Gambia will never deny a US citizen (or Canadian, or European etc.) entry to the country, and it's always possible to sort out any visa or immigration problems at the Immigration Police's Headquarters in Banjul after being allowed into the country - the lack of a visa is certainly not something to lose sleep over.

164 I'm applying for a visa for The Gambia - do I need a tourist visa or a business visa?

You will be visiting The Gambia as a tourist.

165 I'm a US citizen - worried that without a visa I won't be allowed to enter Gambia - what shall I do?

Firstly and most importantly you should not worry about anything when it comes to a visa for The Gambia. By way of an example, US meeting participants of Tuberculosis 2006 arriving in Banjul airport without a visa were not delayed for more time than it took to stamp their passports with an entry stamp - neither The Gambia's immigration policies nor the officials carrying them out are the most rigorous in the world. One thing to note - unless there is a drastic change in its immigration regulations, The Gambia will never deny a US citizen (or Canadian, or European etc.) entry to the country, and it's always possible to sort out any visa or immigration problems at the Immigration Police's Headquarters in Banjul after being allowed into the country - the lack of a visa is certainly not something to lose sleep over.

166 I'm a United States citizen (travelling on a US passport) - do I need a visa to enter The Gambia?

Officially, yes, you need a visa. In practice however it is unlikely that any of the Gambian border officials are likely to look for it in your passport or ask to see your passport on the basis that you need a visa. By way of an example, US meeting participants of Tuberculosis 2006 arriving in Banjul airport without a visa were not delayed for more time than it took to stamp their passports with an entry stamp - neither The Gambia's immigration policies nor the officials carrying them out are the most rigorous in the world. One thing to note - unless there is a drastic change in its immigration regulations, The Gambia will never deny a US citizen (or Canadian, or European etc.) entry to the country, and it's always possible to sort out any visa or immigration problems at the Immigration Police's Headquarters in Banjul after being allowed into the country - the lack of a visa is certainly not something to worry about.

167 I'm a United States citizen (travelling on a US passport) - do I need a visa to enter Senegal?

No. As it stands at this point in time US citizens do not need a visa to enter Senegal. Amongst other places, information on visa requirements can be found on the website of the embassy of Senegal in the UK - www.senegalembassy.co.uk.

168 Is there any possibility that I will be denied a visa to enter The Gambia?

No.

169 If I have a visa clearance letter from the Gambian High Commission in London do I also need a visa stamp in my passport to enable me to enter The Gambia?

No.

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Sort Nr. 15020

170 I'm a Canadian citizen (travelling on a Canadian passport) - will I need a visa to enter Senegal?

No. As it stands at this point in time Canadian citizens do not need a visa to enter Senegal. Amongst other places, information on visa requirements can be found on the website of the embassy of Senegal in the UK - www.senegalembassy.co.uk.

FAQ ID Nr. 312

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Sort Nr. 16600

171 I need a visa to enter The Gambia, and have a visa clearance letter from the High Commission in London - but do not have an actual visa stamp in my passport - is this sufficient? Do you foresee any problems at my home airport or upon arrival in Banjul airport?

Yes, this is sufficient to pass immigration in Banjul airport. And no, we do not foresee any problems at either your home airport or upon arrival in Banjul. The letter is as good as a stamp in your visa and you must let that be known to the airport/check-in officials in no uncertain terms! The letter carries the seal of the Gambian High Commission on it as well as the signature of the consular official. Mangosteen has had the same kind of visa clearance letter prepared for a number of past meeting participants (from a wide range of countries) and practically all have been allowed to travel with only the minimum of delay. In one case (on a Gambia Experience flight), two participants were asked to sign a waiver stating that they themselves were responsible if their visa clearance was not in order, in case they were denied entry to The Gambia - it must be noted that practically no one flying in on a flight from Europe is denied entry to The Gambia, the country's immigration regulations are not so rigorous!

FAQ ID Nr. 200

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Sort Nr. 15520

172 I need a visa to be able to enter Senegal - will my home country allow me on the plane if I don't have a visa for Senegal in my passport?

This is a difficult question to answer - and the answer very much depends on where you come from. Using India or Pakistan as an example - if you come from India or Pakistan (and start your journey from home) then you will almost certainly not be allowed on to the plane if you are not able to show proof that you have been granted a visa clearance by the Senegalese authorities. However, this need not be a visa stamp in your passport - a visa clearance letter from the Ministry of the Interior in Dakar will also serve as proof that you have been granted clearance to enter the country. If you have not already made arrangements for either a passport visa stamp or a visa clearance letter from the Senegalese authorities then you should contact the meeting organizer as soon as possible.

FAQ ID Nr. 199

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Sort Nr. 23580

173 I need a letter of invitation from the meeting organizer in order to be able to apply for a visa - can the meeting organizer arrange such a letter for me?

Yes. Please just let us know by email that you need one. If you need specific wording in your letter please also state the text that you need in your email message.

174 Do Belgian (or other European Union) citizens require a visa to enter The Gambia?

No. Belgian citizens do not require a visa - but citizens of some other EU countries are formally supposed to require one. Visas are required by citizens of France, Spain and Portugal amongst others, but not by others, including citizens of Ireland, Germany, the UK, The Netherlands, Sweden, Denmark or Finland. Mangosteen's primary source for information on Gambian visas is the high commission of The Gambia in London. The high commission's web address is <http://gambia.embassyhomepage.com>. The web page that discusses visa requirements is http://gambia.embassyhomepage.com/gambian_visa_gambia_embassy_uk_gambian_embassy_london_uk.htm. The information on this website is not however often updated and certainly not always reliable - a phone call to the consular section of the high commission is always the most reliable option.

FAQ ID Nr. 52

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 17060

175 Do Belgian or Greek (or other European Union) citizens require a visa to enter Senegal?

No. Belgian and Greek citizens do not require a visa - neither do citizens of the original 15 EU member states - but citizens of the 10 new EU countries do require a visa. The text on the matter from the website of the Embassy of Senegal in London (<http://www.senegalembassy.co.uk/visaAndpassport.html>) on July 19th 2006 is as follows - "Citizens of countries member of the European Union (EU) do not need visa to travel to Senegal for up to three months stay. N.B: Not concerned 10 new EU countries entering in May 2004."

FAQ ID Nr. 51

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Sort Nr. 17040

176 How efficient is the Gambian embassy in Washington, D.C. when it comes to issuing visas?

We don't have any first hand experience, but we've heard both very good and very bad things about the embassy in the US. In February 2006 meeting participants advised us that the embassy was highly efficient, returning their passports with visas within just a couple of days. In April 2006 we were told that the staff at the embassy were practically uncontactable by phone and as a result completely ineffective.

FAQ ID Nr. 116

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 23240

177 I'm a Canadian citizen (travelling on a Canadian passport) - do I need a visa to enter The Gambia?

Officially, yes, you need a visa. In practice however it is unlikely that any of the Gambian border officials are likely to look for it in your passport or ask to see your passport on the basis that you need a visa. By way of an example, Canadian meeting participants of Bacterial Gastroenteritis 2006 arriving in Banjul airport without a visa were not delayed for more time than it took to stamp their passports with an entry stamp - neither The Gambia's immigration policies nor the officials carrying them out are the most rigorous in the world. One thing to note - unless there is a drastic change in its immigration regulations, The Gambia will never deny a Canadian citizen (or US, or European etc.) entry to the country, and it's always possible to sort out any visa or immigration problems at the Immigration Police's Headquarters in Banjul after being allowed into the country - the lack of a visa is certainly not something to worry about.

FAQ ID Nr. 311

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Sort Nr. 16580

178 What is the likelihood that I will not be allowed to enter The Gambia if I don't have the correct visa documentation in place? Is there a chance that I will be denied entry and subsequently deported?

No. You will not be denied entry, and you will not be deported, whether you have a visa or not. Please don't worry about either, it simply will not happen - you will be allowed into the country.

FAQ ID Nr. 561

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 23020

179 What is the likelihood that my visa application will be rejected?

Very low. Your visa will not be denied. The worst case scenario may occur if you do not make your application early enough - in which case your visa clearance may not be granted before you fly to Senegal. It can take weeks for the Senegalese authorities to issue visa clearance letters at times - in general they ask that a month be allowed to complete the process. So, please do make sure to apply (or ask the meeting organizer to apply on your behalf) as soon as possible after you have decided to participate in the meeting.

FAQ ID Nr. 562

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Sort Nr. 19020

180 My Gambian visa application is taking a long time - does this mean that my application has been rejected?

No, it just means that the consular officials are not as efficient as they might be! Rather than waiting indefinitely please contact us to explain your predicament - we may well be able to advise you on how to bypass lengthy visa application procedures.

FAQ ID Nr. 481

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Sort Nr. 21000

181 There is no Gambian embassy in Venezuela. My travel agency told me that I do not need a visa to enter The Gambia but I'm not sure I believe them. Would you please help clarify my situation?

We believe that your travel agent is wrong - and clearly not blessed with the best source of information. To the best of our knowledge all South Americans citizens require visas to enter The Gambia? Perhaps the best quick source of information on who does and does not need a visa to enter The Gambia is the website of the Gambian High Commission in London - http://gambia.embassyhomepage.com/gambian_visa_gambia_embassy_uk_gambian_embassy_london_uk.htm. If you are still unsure whether or not you need a visa please just ask us by email - england@mangosee.com.

FAQ ID Nr. 520

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Sort Nr. 19300

182 The application form for the Gambian visa asks for the names and addresses of two references in The Gambia - can the meeting organizer help with this?

Yes. Please just ask us by email and we'll get you the information you need.

FAQ ID Nr. 514

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Sort Nr. 21740

183 Does Senegal have an embassy/consulate in my home country?

This is a difficult question to answer. Senegal is represented in many of the world's most prominent countries, but it does not have direct representation in many countries and regions of the world. Perhaps the best source of information on this topic is the French embassy in your home country. As Senegal's former colonial power, France typically has exceptionally good links with Senegal. It must be noted that in the absence of a Senegalese embassy or consulate it is possible to apply to the French embassy for a visa to enter Senegal.

LINK TO THE WEBSITE OF THE EMBASSY OF SENEGAL IN LONDON:

<http://www.senegalembassy.co.uk>

EMBASSY VISA SECTION:

<http://www.senegalembassy.co.uk/visaAndpassport.html>

FAQ ID Nr. 75

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 16940

184 Where on the Mangosteen website can I find information on obtaining a visa for Senegal and/or The Gambia?

Please refer to the following password protected web page. All confirmed participants will be given access to the page after completing the registration procedure - please request the password if you don't already have it.

Link to Web Page containing General and Practical Information on the meeting -

<http://mangosee.com/mangosteen/info/index.htm>

FAQ ID Nr. 660

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 19940

185 Is the meeting organizer able to help me to obtain a visa for Senegal within the last month before the start of the meeting?

No. We're sorry to say that after five weeks prior to the start date of the meeting you are on your own! All passport scans for visa applications (via the Ministry of the Interior in Dakar) must be emailed to the meeting organizer before the five week deadline.

FAQ ID Nr. 47

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 17020

186 There is no Senegalese embassy or consulate in my home country - is it possible to apply for a visa via the French embassy?

Yes, to the best of our knowledge this is possible. However, it's not a method that we recommend since it appears to involve an extremely slow, inefficient application procedure. We know of meeting participants who have applied for a visa in this way, but we don't know of meeting participants who have been issued a visa in this way! Not because their application was denied, but simply because the waiting time was so long delayed that they had to find another way to get a visa. In theory it's possible, in practice it may not be - but one thing is for sure, you must not allow the French embassy or anyone else to mail your passport to Senegal, since you may not see it again for a month or two.

FAQ ID Nr. 521

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 19320

187 There is no Senegalese consulate/embassy in my home country - I've contacted the French embassy and they told me that they can apply for a visa for me, but that the application will take 4 weeks - what shall I do?

In our experience, applying for a Senegalese visa via the Embassy of France proves not to be a very reliable or expeditious method. Everything of course depends on the efficiency of your local French embassy, but we don't consider this to be a very trusty approach. If you are having problems obtaining a visa to Senegal, please don't delay any longer - simply contact us and let us know your situation - provided it is at least one month prior to the start of the meeting we will almost certainly be able to apply for a visa (in the form of an official visa clearance letter) from the Ministry of the Interior in Dakar on your behalf. To apply for the visa clearance, we will need you to email us a scanned image of your passport and proof that you intend to participate in the meeting (a scan of your plane ticket, for example).

FAQ ID Nr. 202

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 15560

188 When is the latest date that the meeting organizer is able to apply to the Ministry of the Interior in Dakar for a visa on my behalf?

No later than five weeks prior to the first day of the meeting. Please be sure to submit a scanned image of your passport on or before this five week deadline.

FAQ ID Nr. 636

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 23380

189 Does The Gambia have an embassy/consulate in my home country?

This is a difficult question to answer. The Gambia is represented in many of the world's most prominent countries, but it does not have direct representation in many countries and regions of the world. Perhaps the best source of information on this topic is the UK embassy in your home country. As The Gambia's former colonial power, the UK typically has exceptionally good links with The Gambia. It must be noted that in the absence of a Gambian embassy or consulate it is possible to apply to your local UK embassy for a visa to enter The Gambia.

WEBSITE OF THE HIGH COMMISSION OF THE GAMBIA IN LONDON:

<http://gambia.embassyhomepage.com/>

VISA SECTION:

http://gambia.embassyhomepage.com/gambian_visa_gambia_embassy_uk_gambian_embassy_london_uk.htm

FAQ ID Nr. 81

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 18400

190 I have learned that my home country has not yet established diplomatic relations with The Gambia - does this mean that the Gambian authorities will reject my application for a visa?

No, absolutely not. To the best of our knowledge there is no reason why the Gambian authorities would not issue you with a visa - and especially not since you are a scientist travelling to a research conference. Do let us know if we can be of assistance in helping you apply for a visa.

FAQ ID Nr. 186

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 23200

191 If I have a visa clearance letter from the Ministry of the Interior in Dakar, Senegal do I also need a visa stamp in my passport to enable me enter Senegal?

No.

FAQ ID Nr. 295

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 15720

192 I have read that visas to The Gambia require passports valid for 6 months beyond the end of the visit. My passport will expire 3 months after the meeting - is this going to cause a problem?

No, it will not cause a problem. Please don't worry about this apparent discrepancy. Practically nothing causes problems when it comes to entering The Gambia, their immigration regulations are not the most rigorous in the world - you will not be denied entry to the country.

FAQ ID Nr. 191

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 23120

193 There is no Gambian consulate/embassy in my home country - I've contacted the UK embassy and they told me that they can apply for a visa for me, but that the application will take 4 weeks - what shall I do?

The UK embassy is one option, but 4 weeks is an unreasonable wait. Our suggestion is that you allow us to apply for a visa from the Gambian High Commission in London on your behalf. This is an extremely straightforward procedure and takes just a couple of days for a visa clearance letter to be issued. To apply for it, we will need you to email us a scanned image of your passport and proof that you intend to participate in the meeting (a scan of your plane ticket, for example) - you will also need to submit payment for the visa clearance letter, the total of which will be 35 euros.

FAQ ID Nr. 201

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 15540

194 My wife (or husband) will be accompanying me to the meeting - will the meeting organizer help her (him) to get a visa to enter Senegal?

Yes, please let us know your exact travel plans and we'll see what we can do to help.

FAQ ID Nr. 490

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 21620

195 I'm in the United States (or country other than the UK) - is it possible for the meeting organizer to apply for my visa for The Gambia from the Gambian High Commission in London?

Yes, certainly. It doesn't matter where you are located or what your nationality is, if you provide us with a scanned image of your passport in good time then we will certainly be able to apply for a visa for you.

FAQ ID Nr. 324

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 18600

196 My wife (or husband) will be accompanying me to the meeting - will the meeting organizer help her (him) to get a visa to enter The Gambia?

Yes, that's easily done via the Gambian High Commission in London. Please just email us a scanned image of both of your passports and we will make the application for you. The cost for each visa will be 35 euros - payable to Mangosteen, the meeting organizer.

FAQ ID Nr. 491

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 21600

197 An application for my Gambian visa is being made to the Gambian High Commission in London by the meeting organizer on my behalf - how, when and to whom do I pay for it?

Please pay the meeting organizer at your earliest convenience. The total cost for the visa (in the form of a visa clearance letter) will be 35 euros. Details on how to send your payment to Mangosteen can be found on the meeting home page.

FAQ ID Nr. 482

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 20800

198 Is it possible to get a visa (clearance) from the Immigration Police Headquarters in Banjul?

Yes. The immigration police in Banjul have the authority to solve any visa problems you may have.

FAQ ID Nr. 410

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 15500

199 After my arrival in The Gambia, will it be possible to prolong my stay by applying for a visa extension?

Yes. It's very straightforward - you will simply need to go to the headquarters of the immigration police in Banjul to put in a request for an extension. If necessary the meeting organizer can assist and/or accompany you to the Ministry.

FAQ ID Nr. 2

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 21880

200 Is it possible to obtain an extension for a Gambian visa?

Yes, from the Immigration Police Headquarters in Banjul.

FAQ ID Nr. 414

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 21100

201 My Senegal visa application is taking a long time - does this mean that my application has been rejected?

No, it just means that the consular officials are not as efficient as they might be! Rather than waiting indefinitely please contact us to explain your predicament - we may well be able to advise you on how to bypass lengthy visa application procedures.

FAQ ID Nr. 489

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 21640

202 Does the meeting organizer need to know once I have successfully obtained the required visa(s)?

Please do let us know - if you don't have the visa(s) required in good time we may be able to assist you with your application or otherwise advise you how best to proceed.

FAQ ID Nr. 91

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 22200

203 What's the latest I can apply for a visa via the Ministry of the Interior in Dakar, Senegal?

Five weeks before the start date of the meeting.

FAQ ID Nr. 618

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 20260

204 How do I get pre-approval ahead of applying for a Senegalese visa?

The standard (but not necessarily the fastest or best) way of obtaining pre-approval for a visa is to go through your local Senegalese embassy - such as is explained on the visa and passport pages of the London embassy's website - <http://www.senegalembassy.co.uk/visaAndpassport.html>. Other than this, perhaps the best way in which to obtain pre-approval and the visa itself is to apply to the Ministry of the Interior in Dakar directly. The meeting organizer can help you with this - for which you will need to email a scanned image of your passport to the meeting organizer not later than five weeks before the start of the meeting. If you need to obtain pre-approval and your visa in this way please contact the meeting organizer - mangosteen@mangosee.com.

FAQ ID Nr. 106

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 18620

205 Will I need a letter from the meeting organizer to apply for a Gambian visa?

No, definitely not.

FAQ ID Nr. 704

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 20020

206 After my arrival in Senegal, will it be possible to prolong my stay by applying for a visa extension?

Yes. It's very straightforward - you will simply need to go to the Ministry of the Interior in Dakar to put in a request for an extension and explain why it is that you would like to stay longer. If necessary the meeting organizer can assist and/or accompany you to the Ministry.

FAQ ID Nr. 1

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 23660

207 How long do the Ministry of the Interior in Dakar, Senegal take to issue visas?

One month, hence Mangosteen's requirement that you submit an image of your passport scan five weeks ahead of the start of the meeting.

FAQ ID Nr. 122

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 18740

208 How much does it cost to apply for a visa from the Ministry of the Interior in Dakar, Senegal?

The Ministry of the Interior does not charge for visa applications or to issue visas.

FAQ ID Nr. 148

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 18560

209 I intend to fly to fly to The Gambia via Dakar, Senegal - will I need a transit visa for Senegal?

Although we have no first hand experience with this problem, several meeting participants who elected to travel via this route did indeed have to deal with the issue of a transit visa. To the best of our knowledge - if you need a visa to enter Senegal, then yes, you will also need a transit visa to travel through Dakar airport. Please contact us if you come up against this problem - we may be able to advise you on how best to proceed.

FAQ ID Nr. 160

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 18060

210 I don't have a Gambian visa stamp in my passport - but I have a copy of the visa clearance letter that the meeting organizer obtained for me from the Gambian High Commission in London - what do I say if the airline officials in my home country ask me where my visa (passport stamp) for The Gambia is?

The copy of the letter is as good as a stamp in your visa and you must let that be known to the airport/check-in officials in no uncertain terms! The letter carries the seal of the Gambian High Commission on it as well as the signature of the consular official. If they persist in doubting this, please invite the airport officials to call the Gambian High Commission in London to speak with the consular official who prepared the visa clearance letter. What you must do is 'fight your corner' - you know that the letter is valid, and the fact that the airport officials do not trust it is their problem - simply be persistent and you will be allowed on to your flight. Mangosteen has had the same kind of visa clearance letter prepared for a number of past meeting participants (from a wide range of countries) and practically all have been allowed to travel with only the minimum of delay. In one case (on a Gambia Experience flight), two participants were asked to sign a waiver stating that they themselves were responsible if their visa clearance was not in order, in case they were denied entry to The Gambia - it must be noted that practically no one flying in on a flight from Europe is denied entry to The Gambia, their immigration regulations are not so rigorous!

211 Does the meeting organizer need to know once I have successfully obtained the required visa(s)?

Please do let us know - if you don't have the visa(s) required in good time we may be able to assist you with your application or otherwise advise you how best to proceed.

212 Is there an embassy or consulate of Senegal in Pakistan?

To the best of our knowledge there is no Senegalese representation in Pakistan. It is however possible to apply for Senegalese visas via the French embassy (a route which we do not recommend). If you are from Pakistan and have visa questions please see other FAQs on visas for Senegal or direct them to us by email.

213 Is there an embassy of Senegal in India?

Although without any first hand knowledge we are advised that there is an embassy of Senegal in New Delhi.

214 Is it possible to obtain a visa at the Immigration Police Headquarters in Banjul, The Gambia?

Yes. The immigration police in Banjul have the authority to solve any visa problems you may have.

215 I'm very late with my preparations - it's now one just week before the start of the meeting - can you help me get a visa to enter Senegal?

Sorry, but no, there is really very little that we can do to help you obtain a visa at this late stage. We could apply for a visa for you (at the Ministry of the Interior), but we will make absolutely no guarantees whatever that the visa will be issued in time for you to participate in the meeting - visas usually take one month to be issued, and hence it really would be a waste of time to apply. Your visa is really in your own hands at this point - your best and likely only approach will be a personal visit to your local Senegalese embassy. We wish you luck!

216 Since there is no Senegalese consulate or embassy in my home country, and you don't recommend applying via the French embassy, how would you suggest I apply for the visa?

We recommend that (at least 5 weeks before the start date of the meeting) you send us a scanned image of your passport - we will then apply for a visa from the Ministry of the Interior in Dakar on your behalf.

FAQ ID Nr. 510

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 21480

217 I need a visa for The Gambia - will it help the application procedure if I also submit a copy of my visa for the US and/or Europe?

No. It's not necessary to include proof of other visas, they will have no effect what so ever on the application.

FAQ ID Nr. 207

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 23920

218 Would you recommend I apply for a Senegalese visa via the French embassy in my home country?

No. In our experience this is not an extremely reliable method by which to apply for a visa. If you're not sure how best to apply for a visa please either read the other FAQs on the topic or contact the meeting organizer for assistance.

FAQ ID Nr. 752

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 22560

219 I am about to submit a scanned image of my passport so that the meeting organizer can arrange a visa for me - what file format should I use?

The most important considerations are that the image file is easily opened by any reasonably up to date computer and that the image is easily printed. A JPEG (.jpg or .jpeg) file is perhaps the first choice, a PDF file (.pdf) will also suffice - and equally there will be no problem at all if you elect to insert the image into a MS Word document (.doc).

FAQ ID Nr. 245

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 22100

220 I would like the meeting organizer to apply for a visa for The Gambia on my behalf - which pages of my passport details and pages do I need to scan and submit?

Please include the pages that include your photo, your full name, your signature, your passport number, your date and place of birth and the dates of validity and place of issue of your passport. In an EU passport all of this information is on the same page - in your passport it is likely that all of the essential information is similarly located on one or at most two pages.

FAQ ID Nr. 231

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 15820

221 I need a visa to enter The Gambia - will I be asked to pay any money towards it upon arrival at Banjul airport?

No. However, passengers travelling from cities other than Dakar may well be asked to pay what we believe to be a newly imposed arrival tax of 10 euros.

FAQ ID Nr. 211

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 23540

222 I need a visa to enter Senegal - will I be asked to pay any money towards it upon arrival at Dakar airport?

No.

FAQ ID Nr. 210

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 15620

223 I need a visa for Senegal - will it help the application procedure if I also submit a copy of my visa for the US and/or Europe?

No. It's not necessary to include proof of other visas, they will have no effect what so ever on the application.

FAQ ID Nr. 206

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 23940

224 I need a visa for Senegal - will it be possible to stay in the country for a week or two weeks of vacation before/after the meeting?

In general, yes. To stay in Senegal after the meeting is no problem at all - at worst you will need to apply for a visa extension, depending on how long you decide to stay. It's rather more difficult to state the situation should you choose to spend time in the country ahead of the meeting. However, to the best of our knowledge, Senegalese visas are not dated in the sense that you state exactly which day you will arrive and depart, but rather they allow a single entry (or multiple entry) at any point (within a set period) after the date of issue followed by a stay of a set number of days.

FAQ ID Nr. 205

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 15580

225 I need a visa for Senegal - is it OK to apply via the French embassy and possibly allow my passport to be mailed to Dakar?

No, this would be extremely unwise. Whatever you do, do not allow your local French embassy to either keep your passport for more than a short time or send it to Dakar! If they mail your passport to Dakar you may not see it for a month or more! The mail service to and from Senegal is not always extremely fast or reliable!

FAQ ID Nr. 204

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 22800

226 I need a visa for Senegal - how long will I be allowed to stay in the country?

You will certainly be allowed to stay in the country for the full duration of the meeting. Beyond this it's difficult to provide an answer at this point in time, but what we can say is that a Senegalese visa is easily extended by submitting a request in person to the Ministry of the Interior in Dakar. Moreover, the visa is primarily to get you past immigration in the airport and hence into the country - beyond this, it is unlikely that any officials will be too interested in whether you have a visa or not, and then whether it is still valid or not. The exception to this is if you leave the country by land and return to Senegal via one of the more fussy border posts.

FAQ ID Nr. 203

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 22820

227 I would like the meeting organizer to apply for a visa for Senegal on my behalf - which pages of my passport details and pages do I need to scan and submit?

Please include the pages that include your photo, your full name, your signature, your passport number, your date and place of birth and the dates of validity and place of issue of your passport. In an EU passport all of this information is on the same page - in your passport it is likely that all of the essential information is similarly located on one or at most two pages.

FAQ ID Nr. 230

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 15800

228 I plan to use the days before/after the meeting to visit the neighbouring countries (Mauritania, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Morocco etc.) - can the meeting organizer help me to apply for the necessary visas?

We're sorry to say that other than for Senegalese and Gambian visas there is very little we can do to help, other than to direct you to the respective embassies in Dakar or Banjul.

FAQ ID Nr. 225

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 23900

229 I'm very late with my preparations - it's now one just week before the start of the meeting - can you help me get a visa to enter The Gambia?

How much we can help very much depends which country you are travelling from, and what your nationality is - but yes, one way or another it should be (legally!) possible to get you into The Gambia. Please contact us to tell us your exact situation - the airline you will be using, and the route you will be flying etc. If you are from the US or Europe we simply suggest that you travel and don't worry at all about visas - time and again, the meetings in the spring of 2006 taught us that the Gambian immigration officials are really not at all interested in checking on the visa status of people carrying US or European passports. The Gambians want you to visit their country and so they will not make it all difficult for you to pass through immigration, even if you are formally supposed to have a visa. It is also important to note that any immigration or documentation problems can be sorted out at the airport or at the immigration police headquarters in Banjul after you have been allowed to enter the country - it's all very easy and again nothing to worry about. If you are not from the US or Europe, but from a nation with a less easily accepted passport (let's use the example of Sudan) then the situation is not that much more difficult. A Sudanese meeting participant travelling to Tuberculosis 2006 also arrived in Banjul airport without a visa - and was allowed to pass through immigration simply by informing the official that he was a scientist going to a conference and that a meeting representative would be waiting for him - no visa required, no additional immigration documents required and no money passed hands! The take home message - the Gambians really don't seem to be too fussy or knowledgeable of their own visa regulations, which makes it very easy to visit the country at the last minute.

FAQ ID Nr. 343

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 16000

230 In which South and East African countries does Senegal have an embassy or consulate?

According to the Senegalese embassy in London there are embassies in Ethiopia, South Africa and Zambia.

FAQ ID Nr. 348

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 16080

231 Is the meeting organizer able to help me apply for my Senegalese visa by writing a letter to the consular department of the embassy of France in Pakistan?

No, sorry, we can't help you with this - there is a limit to how much we can get involved to help with visas.

FAQ ID Nr. 436

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 22740

232 I am about to submit a scanned image of my passport so that the meeting organizer can arrange a visa for me - what file format should I use?

The most important considerations are that the image file is easily opened by any reasonably up to date computer and that the image is easily printed. A JPEG (.jpg or .jpeg) file is perhaps the first choice, a PDF file (.pdf) will also suffice - and equally there will be no problem at all if you elect to insert the image into a MS Word document (.doc).

FAQ ID Nr. 246

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 15680

233 Is it possible, and safe, to get local currency from a cash machine in the centre of Dakar?

Yes, on both counts. There are a number of cash machines (ATMs) at the banks in the centre of Dakar. And safety is simply not a concern - each bank has one or more security guards positioned close each cash machine day and night. In our experience these machines are not only safe to use but are also an invaluable resource when visiting Dakar.

FAQ ID Nr. 397

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 16260

234 How busy are the hotels in Dakar - are there lots of empty rooms that can be booked at the last minute?

There are many hotels in Dakar, most of which are almost always far from full. So yes, it's extremely easy to reserve a hotel room at the last minute, or to walk in off the street and get one. One rare exception to this is the week in January when the Paris-Dakar rally comes to town when it's difficult to find a room.

FAQ ID Nr. 101

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 23280

235 How busy are the hotels in Kololi - are there lots of empty rooms that can be booked at the last minute?

There are many hotels in Kololi and the surrounding area, most of which are almost always far from full. So yes, it's extremely easy to reserve a hotel room at the last minute, or to walk in off the street and get one.

FAQ ID Nr. 102

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 23300

236 Do I need to make my own hotel reservations?

No. The meeting organizer will make your hotel reservations for you if you are happy that we do so - please simply provide us with your arrival and departure details. If you would like to make your own reservations, or if you have specific requests please contact us to let us know - mangosteen@mangosee.com. If we don't hear from you we will automatically make your hotel reservations - which can easily be changed or cancelled (without cost) at a later date if necessary.

FAQ ID Nr. 58

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 17140

237 Do I need to tell the meeting organizer if I plan on making my own hotel reservations?

Yes, please do. You are of course under no obligation to let us know - but it will help us not to make unnecessary or duplicate reservations. Thanks.

FAQ ID Nr. 62

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 17220

238 Does The Gambia have nice hotels?

Yes. Most of The Gambia's hotels are set up to cater for tourists - but they are also of varying standards. Perhaps the best hotel in the country is The Kairaba which is centrally located in the Senegambia area of Kololi alongside a number of mid-range tourist hotels.

FAQ ID Nr. 83

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 22240

239 Do hotels in Kololi take credit cards?

The hotels on The Gambia's coast vary greatly when it comes to credit cards. The most expensive hotels will surely accept all major credit cards. Whereas the cheapest hotels will certainly not accept any credit cards. Mid-range hotels will often take some but perhaps not all major credit cards - Hotel Paradise Suites does not accept credit cards. The most readily accepted credit card in West Africa is always VISA (specifically VISA, not MasterCard), while very few places in the region accept cards such as American Express.

FAQ ID Nr. 55

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 17100

240 I'm worried that I might be too late to reserve a hotel near the meeting venue - can the meeting organizer help?

Yes. The first way in which we can help is to ask that you please don't worry - finding suitable accommodation, even at the last minute, is simply not a problem. Please just send us your flight details (arrival and departure) and we'll make sure that you have a suitable room to stay in during the meeting.

FAQ ID Nr. 346

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 16060

241 Do hotels in Dakar take credit cards?

The hotels in Dakar vary greatly when it comes to credit cards. The most expensive hotels in the city will surely accept all major credit cards. Whereas the cheapest hotels will certainly not accept credit cards. Mid-range hotels will often take some but perhaps not all major credit cards. The most readily accepted credit card in West Africa is always VISA (specifically VISA, not MasterCard), while very few places in the region accept cards such as American Express.

FAQ ID Nr. 54

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 17080

242 I'm worried about finding suitable accommodation at or near the meeting venue - how can the meeting organizer help?

Please don't worry. This is all part of the organization - the meeting organizer will make hotel reservations for any meeting participants who need to arrange accommodation. There are a number of hotels within a short distance of the meeting venue and hence it will simply not be a problem.

FAQ ID Nr. 344

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 16020

243 I'm worried about finding suitable accommodation at or near the meeting venue - how can the meeting organizer help?

Please don't worry. This is all part of the organization - the meeting organizer will make hotel reservations for any meeting participants who need to arrange accommodation. There are a number of hotels within a short distance of the meeting venue and hence it will simply not be a problem.

FAQ ID Nr. 345

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 16040

244 Will the meeting organizer reserve a hotel room for me at the recommended hotel in Kololi?

Yes, please just provide us with your flight arrival and departure details.

FAQ ID Nr. 726

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 20140

245 Given the dates of the meeting - how early do we need to make hotel reservations?

There's really no great hurry when it comes to booking a hotel. Dakar has a lot of empty hotel rooms, and there's unlikely to be a problem making a reservation at the last minute or in the final week or two ahead of the meeting. Best choice of all - leave making the hotel reservations to the meeting organizer, we'll sort out a suitable room for you.

FAQ ID Nr. 100

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 18820

246 Will the meeting organizer reserve a hotel room for me at the recommended hotel in Dakar?

Yes, please just provide us with your flight arrival and departure details.

FAQ ID Nr. 725

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 19980

247 Will the meeting organizer make my accommodation reservations in Tendaba?

Yes, all accommodation and transportation arrangements, to and from Tendaba, will be made by the meeting organizer.

FAQ ID Nr. 719

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 20120

248 What's the cost (per night) of a single room at the recommended hotel in Dakar?

For all estimated costs, including accommodation, during the meeting please see the budget forecast on the following web pages:

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Malaria 2007 –

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FAQ ID Nr. 608

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 19240

249 What's the cost (per night) of a single room at the recommended hotel in Kololi?

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FAQ ID Nr. 609

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 19900

250 Does Dakar have nice hotels?

Yes. Dakar has the full spectrum of hotels - from cheap and basic to top of the range hotels. The centre of Dakar is dotted with numerous hotel options - Novotel and Sofitel Teranga are perhaps the best in the centre - while Le Meriden President (perhaps the best in the country) is 20 minutes away by taxi.

FAQ ID Nr. 71

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 17340

251 Will my hotel room have air conditioning?

Air conditioned rooms are available at most of the hotels in Dakar - certainly at all of the mid-range hotels. However, whether you will have a room with A/C or not depends on the hotel you elect to stay in and the grade of room you take. In our experience all rooms without air conditioning have ceiling fan.

FAQ ID Nr. 709

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 22360

252 Given the dates of the meeting - how early do we need to make hotel reservations?

There's really no great hurry when it comes to booking a hotel. The Gambian coast has a lot of empty hotel rooms, and there's unlikely to be a problem making a reservation at the last minute or in the final week or two ahead of the meeting. Best choice of all - leave making the hotel reservations to the meeting organizer, we'll sort out a suitable room for you.

FAQ ID Nr. 99

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 18540

253 Are twin (two bed) rooms available at the recommended hotel? And if so what do they cost?

Yes, twin rooms are almost always available, it's rarely an issue to worry about. The price of a twin (or double) room in a suitable West African hotel will typically cost \$50-60 US (of the order of 20-25% more expensive than for a single). Please also see FAQs pertaining to the budget forecast and participants' estimated expenditure while at the meeting.

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FAQ ID Nr. 40

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 24280

254 Are all of The Gambia's coastal hotels full during the HIGH season (December to April)?

No. In our experience it's never too difficult to find a reasonably priced room in a decent centrally located hotel. Prices are of course slightly more expensive during the high season, but not prohibitively so.

FAQ ID Nr. 6

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 23840

255 Are all of The Gambia's coastal hotels full during the LOW season (May to November)?

No. There are a lot of good, cheap hotel rooms available on the Gambian coast from May to November - this notwithstanding the fact that some of the large hotels close down during the low season.

FAQ ID Nr. 7

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 23780

256 I was told by the organizer that a hotel would be reserved for me for the period of the meeting - I have heard nothing on the subject since - how do I know if my room has been reserved?

Not to worry, we will take care of all necessary hotel reservations, everything is in hand. In general, once we have informed you that we will take care of reservations for you we will not issue further confirmations. If you have questions about your reservations or have specific requests please just let us know at any time.

FAQ ID Nr. 249

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 15040

257 Is it possible for my home travel agent to make hotel reservations at a hotel in West Africa?

Yes, in general it's possible. But it's not always that easy, communications with hotels in the region are not always extremely effective - not all have websites or email addresses, so phone or fax are typically the best ways to get in touch. One thing to note - we will be making hotel reservations for the majority of meeting participants and it's really not necessary for you to involve your travel agent unless you would like to or need to - do let us know if we can be of further assistance.

FAQ ID Nr. 382

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 22080

258 Will my hotel room have air conditioning?

Air conditioned rooms are available at all of the hotels in Kololi. However, whether you will have a room with A/C or not depends on the hotel you elect to stay in and the grade of room you take. In our experience all rooms without air conditioning have ceiling fan.

FAQ ID Nr. 710

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 22440

259 Will all participants be staying at the same recommended hotel?

No, typically not. The majority of participants will generally be staying at the same hotel - but certainly not all. The meeting locations have a number of suitable hotels - of all price ranges - and although there will be a recommended hotel (which may or may not include the meeting venue itself), no participant will in any way be obliged to stay at it or any particular hotel. The main reasons for the meeting organizer to have a recommended hotel are to simplify things organizationally, to keep the group together and to enable better overall room rates.

FAQ ID Nr. 700

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 22380

260 Where can I find the telephone numbers (and website addresses) of hotels in Kololi?

Please refer to the following password protected web page. All confirmed participants will be given access to the page after completing the registration procedure - please request the password if you don't already have it.

Link to Web Page containing General and Practical Information on the meeting -
<http://mangosee.com/mangosteen/info/index.htm>

FAQ ID Nr. 653

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 20520

261 Where on the Mangosteen website can I find information on the estimated daily costs (accommodation, food, local transport etc.) of participating in the meeting?

Please see the appropriate web page below for an estimate of the (essential) costs that you will incur while participating in the meeting:

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FAQ ID Nr. 646

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 20440

262 When is the tourist high season in The Gambia?

High season in The Gambia's coastal resorts runs from November to April.

FAQ ID Nr. 638

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 23360

263 What's the price range of hotels in Dakar?

In Dakar you can have a hotel ranging anywhere from 20 euros per night (budget - single room, with private shower and shared toilet), to 30-40 euros per night (medium range hotel, private bathroom) to 90 euros per night (top quality, best in the city).

FAQ ID Nr. 626

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 20340

264 Is it possible to make hotel reservations at a hotel in West Africa via the internet?

In theory, yes. Some, but certainly not all hotels in the region have websites - you may or may not be able to reserve a room online. If you have any problems please just contact us for advice on how best to proceed - or alternatively leave your hotel reservations to us.

265 I would like to stay at a better/more expensive hotel than the recommended hotel - are there options nearby the meeting venue?

Yes. Perhaps the best (large) hotels in the centre of Dakar are the Novotel and the Sofitel Teranga. There are several other very nice hotels in and around the centre including Hotel Croix du Sud, Hotel Faidherbe and Hotel Le Savana. Just outside the city centre (20 minutes by taxi) is Le Meridien President, which is quite possible the best hotel in the country.

266 I would like to stay at a better/more expensive hotel than the recommended hotel - are there options nearby the meeting venue?

Yes. Perhaps the best hotel on the Gambian coast is called The Kairaba (<http://www.kairabahotel.com/>), and it's conveniently located only a short walk from the meeting venue.

267 I need to save as much money as possible during the meeting - can you please advise me on finding a cheap hotel in the vicinity of the meeting venue?

Yes, that won't be a problem. Once you have registered for the meeting please simply inform us that you'd like to stay in a budget hotel and we'll make all of the necessary arrangements.

268 Is there a hotel at Dakar airport?

Yes, there is a small hotel in the arrivals area of the airport - just across from the restaurant. It's not the best hotel in the world and is perhaps quite poor value for the money (2006 cost is approximately 40 euros per night), but it's a perfectly adequate place to spend a night if you find yourself stuck at the airport.

269 Does the cost of the hotel in Kololi include breakfast?

In our experience breakfast is included in the price of the room. Kololi's hotels cater for what package tourists need and an inclusive breakfast buffet is always an essential element.

270 What's the price of a double room at the recommended hotel?

The price of a double room in Senegal or The Gambia is typically of the order of 20 to 25% higher than the price of a single room. For all estimated costs, including accommodation, during the meeting please see appropriate budget forecast on the following web pages:

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FAQ ID Nr. 620

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 20280

271 Does the cost of the hotel in Dakar include breakfast?

This will vary from hotel to hotel. In our experience the mid-range hotels typically do not include breakfast in the price of the room.

FAQ ID Nr. 78

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 24160

272 I have a place to stay in Saly Portugal (a.k.a. Saly Portudal), south of Dakar - is it feasible to commute to the meeting in central Dakar each day?

No, not really. Saly is more than a one hour drive from Dakar in good traffic - on a busy day, with bad traffic jams, it can be as much as 3 hours away.

FAQ ID Nr. 181

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 23960

273 Will all of the people on the list of confirmed participants be presenting work?

No. Only those individuals who express an interest in presenting work will be doing so. Of these, some will present orally, some will have poster presentations, and some present both speak and present a poster. There is absolutely no obligation on any participant to present work - if you would like to sign up as a 'free' participant you are certainly most welcome to do so.

FAQ ID Nr. 699

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 22420

274 We would like to list an upcoming meeting in our journal - will this be possible?

Yes, certainly. Please do contact us to discuss the possibilities.

FAQ ID Nr. 479

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 20980

275 I have not yet completed my Ph.D. and as such I am not sure how valuable a contribution I will be able to make to the conference at this point, but I would still very much like to participate - will it be possible for me to register and participate?

Yes, absolutely, as the organizer we would very like to encourage you to participate. Well let's say that traditionally, as a Ph.D. candidate, you might not be considered to be the most important person in the room! But this meeting is not being organized along traditional lines - and as such you certainly will be one of the most important people in the room and at the meeting - this meeting needs young, intelligent and driven scientists to take part and get involved since it is people like yourself who are the future of science and scientific research, with long problem-solving careers ahead of you.

FAQ ID Nr. 189

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 18280

276 I received an email from the organizer informing me about the meeting - does this mean that I am invited as a speaker?

We're sorry to say that the short answer to your question is no. Although we can offer you an invitation in the form of an invitation letter we will not be able to cover your costs of travelling to and participating in the meeting. This is a meeting without sponsored invited speakers. The email you received was a general circular bringing the existence of the meeting to the attention of many of the key researchers in the field, some of whom will choose to participate in the meeting.

FAQ ID Nr. 226

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 15740

277 I want to participate in the meeting but do not want to give either an oral or poster presentation - is it OK to be a 'free participant'?

Yes, absolutely. Mangosteen's belief is that all participants are free participants! The meeting is about so much more than just the presentations. As much as possible, we aim to emphasize free discussion and put less of an emphasis on the formal presentations - anyone presenting work will do so for 30 minutes or so, but every participant will spend a number of days at the meeting talking and interacting with other participants - this is quite literally the main 'meeting' component and is we believe, just as important as the formal presentations.

FAQ ID Nr. 93

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 18500

278 Are all participants in the meeting obliged to present work?

No. All participants are encouraged to bring and present work - as the meeting organizer we naturally want to see as much good work on show as possible. But no participant is in anyway obliged to give a presentation.

FAQ ID Nr. 8

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 17480

279 Is there a brochure for the meeting?

No, we're sorry to say that there are no brochures for the meeting. All essential information on each meeting can be found on the respective meeting home page.

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280 I would prefer the meeting were held in Europe instead of Africa - I think this might help attract more participants and speakers - is a change of venue possible?

No, we're sorry it's not. Mangosteen is all about bringing world class researchers and research meetings to the developing world - there are many reasons for this, most of which are detailed on the introductory pages of this website. It is therefore impossible and very much against our own objectives to relocate the meeting to Europe. There may be a smaller number of participants and speakers at a meeting in West Africa than if it were to be held in Europe, but size is not everything and this meeting aims to focus the minds of the meeting participants in an altogether different directions, making for very different, extremely enlightening and unforgettable experience.

FAQ ID Nr. 281

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 23040

281 Is it OK if I pass on Mangosteen's email and website details to some of my colleagues?

Yes, absolutely. Feel free to tell anyone whom you think might be interested in Mangosteen - we're certainly grateful for the free promotion! Many thanks ahead for your efforts.

FAQ ID Nr. 396

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 16240

282 I think that the conference must be organized under the auspices of a reputable organization or society - what are your thoughts on this?

We don't believe that being under the auspices of any body is what makes for a good meeting. But to a degree, we agree with your statement - Mangosteen is the organizer, and although comparatively new to the arena, Mangosteen is a reputable meeting organizer with a growing reputation. Mangosteen is an independent meeting organizer which as of July 2006 does not have any partnerships with societies or long established organizations. And the reason for this - it takes time to build a reputation, and to gain the trust of societies and organizations such that they are willing to partner with a new player in the field. We are working hard to build our standing both to build those partnerships and so that we can be viewed as a valuable independent contributor in our own right.

FAQ ID Nr. 228

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 15760

283 Does Mangosteen only hold meetings on topics related to infectious diseases?

No. It's just a bit of a coincidence that all of the meetings thus far have been in infectious disease fields. Mangosteen is a new initiative working hard to get established and as such we only working in a limited range of fields at this point in time. In time the objective is to expand into all fields of science and study - you name it, we're willing to consider it as the basis for a future meeting.

FAQ ID Nr. 73

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 24180

284 Does Mangosteen have a comprehensive database of answers with everything that a short term visitor needs to know about Senegal and/or The Gambia?

Yes. It's really only of use to confirmed participants, and as such it will be made available to all confirmed participants after registration - it's accessible via a password protected internet page. If you are a confirmed participant, and don't yet have access, please request the password from the meeting organizer - england@mangosee.com.

FAQ ID Nr. 72

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 17900

285 I am unaware of any great work in the field of the meeting being conducted in The Gambia - why is the meeting being held there?

This meeting is part of the Mangosteen initiative - one of the main objectives of which is to bring world class scientific research meetings and researchers to often forgotten parts of the developing world. The Gambia might not provide the science - but it does provide a fascinating, friendly and cost-effective location, and that's a major part of why the meeting will be held there. By way of a bonus, The Gambia, as poor as it is, does also have several world class research facilities in the shape of the UK Medical Research Council (MRC) Laboratories, with headquarters on the coast and field stations dotted around the country.

FAQ ID Nr. 165

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 23980

286 How can I assist the meeting organizer in getting the meeting going?

Firstly we'd like to say many thanks for the offer of assistance. We're delighted to hear that you believe in the meeting and that you want to help drive it forward. Probably the most important thing you can do is simply spread the word! Word of mouth from individuals working in the field is so important to the creation of a successful meeting, so please do tell your colleagues and send emails to your contacts in the field. In addition to this please do contact us to let us know that you would like to offer your assistance - it certainly always helps to have people such as yourself to call on for ideas and suggestions at times.

FAQ ID Nr. 103

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 18580

287 Why are there no pharmaceutical (or other) companies sponsoring the meeting?

There are no pharmaceutical (or other) companies sponsoring the meeting only because it's not easy to get companies to sponsor meetings - it takes time for companies to show an interest in small independent initiatives. Mangosteen is a new initiative, we are working hard to get established and gain a reputation with our particular brand of meeting organization and scientific communication. We are also working to pick up sponsorship to help promote our meetings - but it all takes time. If you'd like to help with sponsorship or know someone whom you think might be interested please do let us know.

FAQ ID Nr. 680

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 19720

288 Why is the meeting in West Africa?

There are a number of reasons why we've chosen to put this meeting in West Africa - all of which fall within the goals of Mangosteen's initiative which aims to promote research and collaborative efforts in both the developing and developed worlds by bringing first world scientists to third world countries. More details on Mangosteen, our objective and approach can be found on the rest of this website - www.mangosee.com.

FAQ ID Nr. 687

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 22480

289 Who is the meeting organizer?

Mangosteen is the meeting organizer - please take a look at the introductory web pages on this site (www.mangosee.com) to learn more about Mangosteen, our initiative and objectives.

FAQ ID Nr. 677

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 19880

290 Is there a poster advertising the meeting that I can download to hang on the wall of my office?

Yes, there will be a poster in PDF format - please download it from the following web page - <http://mangosee.com/mangosteen/pdf/20072008postera4.pdf>

FAQ ID Nr. 450

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 20660

291 Where will the majority of the meeting participants come from? Will they mostly be from African nations?

Meeting participants will come from all around the world - with the majority coming from Europe, North America and various African nations. Please take a look at the list of recent past participants to see where the meeting participants came from in the spring of 2006.

Link to List of Recent Past Participants - <http://mangosee.com/mangosteen/two/html/pastparticipants.htm>

FAQ ID Nr. 664

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 19740

292 What is the maximum number of participants that will be allowed to register for the meeting?

Seventy.

FAQ ID Nr. 565

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 18880

293 What is the anticipated size of the meeting?

Well ahead of the start date of any given meeting it is particularly difficult to estimate what the final number of participants will be. What we can say for sure is that the total number of participants will not exceed seventy - this is the predetermined upper limit for all of Mangosteen's meetings with the existing format. Our objective is that future meetings achieve similar participants numbers as Tuberculosis 2006 which had a total of approximately 50 participants. Between 40 and 60 participants is seen as the optimal number of participants for Mangosteen's style of small, informal conferences. Some meetings will be smaller than this, a lot depends on the size of the research field under discussion and the choice of dates for the meeting. One other thing is for sure - while we'll do everything possible to optimize participant numbers, if you are interested in participating in a meeting and tell your contacts

and colleagues about it, this will increase participant numbers. Word of mouth from researchers in the field is so important in this respect.

FAQ ID Nr. 554

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 19640

294 What email address do I use to address any questions that I have about the meeting?

Please contact the meeting organizer Dr. Anthony England at england@mangosee.com.

FAQ ID Nr. 542

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 19280

295 What do you mean by the term 'participant'?

Mangosteen's meetings do not have 'speakers' (invited, plenary or otherwise), neither do they have attendees - everyone at the meetings is considered wholly equal and is considered to be a participant. A 'participant', because Mangosteen's meetings are all about participating - not about giving a presentation and then leaving the meeting to go home, and not about sitting quietly in the audience and going home without speaking to anyone - there is a lot of time set aside in the programme for both scheduled and free discussion, and all participants are encouraged to get to know their fellow participants and to exchange ideas with them. Participate - make the meeting your own - the relaxed atmosphere and programme structure is perfect for breaking down barriers and building relationships.

FAQ ID Nr. 538

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 19440

296 What is the maximum number of oral presentations that will be accepted for presentation?

The maximum number of oral presentation slots available in the programme is envisaged to be of the order of 40-45. Mangosteen's meeting programmes are however designed to be flexible and this number is subject to slight changes depending on the total number of presentations submitted. If at all possible we aim to accommodate all confirmed participants who would like to present work orally.

FAQ ID Nr. 564

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 19460

297 I can't find Kololi on a map of The Gambia - is it a city?

No. Kololi is not a city. It's effectively one of the main focuses of the tourism industry on the Atlantic coast (along with Kotu, Fajara and Bakau) - and hence it's more or less just an area of hotels, restaurants and tour companies. On the other side of the coastal highway is the village that gave Kololi its name. Some addresses list Kololi as 'Kololi, Banjul' giving the impression that Kololi is part of Banjul, the capital of The Gambia - which we believe is somewhat misrepresentative since Kololi is a 20 minute drive from the city limits of capital itself.

FAQ ID Nr. 169

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 23000

298 What is the optimum size of the meeting?

In their current format, and in agreement with the views of recent past participants, the optimum number of meeting participants at Mangosteen's meetings is considered to be from 40 to 60 participants.

FAQ ID Nr. 568

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 23060

299 I am reluctant to attend a meeting in West Africa. Africa holds little appeal as a meeting destination for me, especially since a friend was recently shot (and has since recovered) in East Africa - in Nairobi in Kenya. What are the organizer's thoughts on this?

The first thing to note is that East Africa and West Africa are in many respects very different environments. To the best of our knowledge (with no first hand experience of East Africa) - most of West Africa is generally considered to be much safer than parts of East Africa. Kenya's capital Nairobi is not nicknamed 'Nairobbery' without good reason! But whereas safety is perhaps always an issue in Nairobi, day or night, Dakar (its equivalent in the Senegal/Gambia region) is an extremely safe city by comparison. Conversely, the centre of Dakar feels a whole lot safer at midnight than it does at noon simply because there are so many less people on the streets - whereas in the height of the day it's a busy focus for traders and hustlers, at night, it's a quiet place to take a walk. Nairobi and Dakar - it's very much a case of comparing apples with pears, there really is very little to be scared of in Dakar.

FAQ ID Nr. 852

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Sort Nr. 16760

300 Where exactly will the meeting be held? What's the name of the venue?

Please see the respective meeting home pages for the venue of each meeting:

Meetings in 2007:

Malaria 2007 –

<http://www.mangosee.com/mangosteen/2007/malaria2007/malaria2007.htm>

Pathogenic Helminths 2007 –

<http://www.mangosee.com/mangosteen/2007/helminths2007/helminths2007.htm>

HIV/AIDS 2007

<http://www.mangosee.com/mangosteen/2007/hiv aids2007/hiv aids2007.htm>

Pneumococci 2007 –

<http://www.mangosee.com/mangosteen/2007/pneumococci2007/pneumococci2007.htm>

Antibiotic Resistance 2007 –

<http://www.mangosee.com/mangosteen/2007/antibiotics2007/antibiotics2007.htm>

Medicinal Chemistry 2007 –

<http://www.mangosee.com/mangosteen/2007/medchem2007/medchem2007.htm>

Meetings in 2008:

Hepatitis 2008 –

<http://www.mangosee.com/mangosteen/2008/hepatitis2008/hepatitis2008.htm>

Kinetoplastid Diseases 2008 –

<http://www.mangosee.com/mangosteen/2008/kinetoplastids2008/kinetoplastids2008.htm>

Tuberculosis 2008 –

<http://www.mangosee.com/mangosteen/2008/tb2008/tb2008.htm>

301 Do I need to bring and wear formal clothing for the meeting?

No. It will be an extremely informal, relaxed meeting and there's really no need to wear formal clothing. Outside the meeting room it will be warm and sunny and hence loose, lightweight (summer) clothing is the recommended option.

302 How did this meeting come into being?

This meeting is part of Mangosteen's wider initiative - details on Mangosteen and its objectives can be found throughout this website - www.mangosee.com.

303 What is the dominant religion of the region? As a Jew, I feel a little uncomfortable about being in very strongly Muslim countries.

The dominant religion in both Senegal and The Gambia is Islam. However, as a Jew or a member of any other religion you need have no fear of the kind of peaceful Islam that is practiced in West Africa. It is simply not an issue that you need concern yourself about, no matter what might be going on in more troubled parts of the world. Both the Senegalese and Gambian people are a friendly and helpful and generally extremely welcoming to all visitors to their countries.

304 How long should my abstract (or personal research summary) be?

There is no strict limit - but typically not more than two pages, and not shorter than a paragraph. You may substitute a short paper in place of an abstract if it's directly related to your presentation.

305 Will the meeting organizer be selecting who will give oral presentations based on abstracts?

No, this is not the way that Mangosteen's meeting programmes are typically created. We ask that if you are interested in presenting work during the meeting that you simply fill in and submit the online registration form and send in an abstract. As the organizer we will then do our very best to accommodate the requests of all participants and will surely let you know if (which is unlikely) we are

not able to offer you an oral presentation slot.

FAQ ID Nr. 42

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 17120

306 Will the proceedings of the meeting be published?

This has yet to be determined.

FAQ ID Nr. 734

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 20300

307 What format shall I use to submit my abstract?

If at all possible, please submit your abstract in MS Word file format (with file extension .doc). Upon receipt of your abstract we will copy and paste it into a larger document, and a Word file will allow us the greatest convenience and flexibility. Alternatively we are happy to accept text searchable PDF files (with file extension .pdf). Please do not submit non-searchable PDF files - typically the result of scanning documents - since we will not be able to copy the text. If you would prefer to use an alternative format please ask us before submitting your abstract.

FAQ ID Nr. 543

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 19520

308 When will the meeting participants be able to see all of the submitted abstracts?

The abstracts will be made available in two ways. As soon as individual participants complete their registration process their abstracts will be included alongside their names on the list of confirmed participants on the meeting home page. Further to this, all participants will be provided with a hard copy of the abstract directory at the start of the meeting.

FAQ ID Nr. 644

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 23320

309 What will happen to my abstract after submission - will it be published anywhere?

Yes. As part of your registration, your abstract will be published on the internet alongside your name on the list of confirmed participants.

FAQ ID Nr. 589

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 19040

310 Will the meeting have parallel sessions?

No. It will be a single-session meeting.

311 When is the deadline for submitting oral presentations?

There is no strict deadline for submitting oral presentations. All that we ask is that you please let us know of your intention to present work at or as soon as possible after submitting the online registration form.

312 I would like to present a poster during the meeting - will this be possible?

Yes, absolutely. Everyone who wants to present a poster is invited to do so. We have no plans to put restrictions on the number of posters, so please feel free to bring a poster on any topic related to the main field of the meeting. Please do submit an abstract on the poster (including the title and names and institutes of authors) as part of the registration procedure.

313 Is the programme of oral presentations 100% fixed and inflexible?

No. The running order is always subject to late changes for practical reasons if nothing else - at Tuberculosis 2006, flight delays meant that the presentations of no less than five speakers had to be rearranged. Delays notwithstanding, Mangosteen's meetings are intended to be small, informal and relaxed - on occasions presentations over-run, post-presentation discussions get going and become unstoppable (which is strongly encouraged by the organizer) and last minute presentations are added to the programme - perhaps covering an aspect of work that was touched on during another speaker's presentation. We believe that the participants very much enjoy the fluid nature of the programme since keeping to the clock is never as important as opening up the floor for good deep discussions and productive scientific exchanges.

314 Does this meeting have any 'invited speakers'?

No, it doesn't. Mangosteen's policy at this point in time is not to select and formally invite particular individual scientists to speak during our meetings - accordingly no one is invited, and there are only participants rather than speakers. Scientists themselves elect to participate in our meetings and those that want to present work in the form of an oral or poster presentation will be given every opportunity to do so. This non-traditional approach may seem a little unorthodox, and perhaps it is, but it works extremely effectively and makes for a wonderful atmosphere during the meeting. Everyone participating in our meetings does so because they themselves chose to be there to get involved in the scientific discussion, and they are certainly not there out of a sense of obligation to the organizer or for reasons of prestige.

315 What will the language of the meeting be?

Although the meeting will be held in Senegal, where not English but French is one of the official languages, the language of the meeting will be English. There will be no simultaneous translations of oral presentations from English into French.

FAQ ID Nr. 591

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 18840

316 If my oral presentation overruns by a few minutes will I lose the time set aside for questions from the meeting participants?

No. In Mangosteen's meetings, the questions, the answers and the discussion are considered as important as the presentation itself. One of the jobs of the presentation is to inspire discussion, new relationships and ultimately new projects and collaborative efforts, and hence the meeting organizer will always allow each speaker time to answer questions and exchange ideas with their audience.

FAQ ID Nr. 301

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 16480

317 Who will be speaking?

The speakers at the meeting will not be invited speakers, but instead participants who wish to present their work and latest results orally.

FAQ ID Nr. 679

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 19920

318 I cannot participate in the meeting unless I am able to present work orally - will this be possible?

Yes. If this is your minimum requirement for being able to participate in the meeting for several days then we can almost certainly satisfy such a request. The only exception would be if it is determined (from your abstract) that the focus of your presentation is too far off the topic to be of interest to the majority of meeting participants.

FAQ ID Nr. 167

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 18140

319 How much time will be allotted for each oral presentation?

The exact time to be allotted for each oral presentation will be determined within the last couple of months prior to the start date. All presenters at any given meeting will be allotted the same amount of time to present their work - there is no hierarchy or higher and lower tier of presentations at Mangosteen's meetings. As an early guideline, all presenters can expect to have a minimum of 20 minutes and a maximum of 40 minutes to speak. Audience questions will follow each talk - a relaxed period of 5 to 10 minutes will be set aside for Q and A.

FAQ ID Nr. 151

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 17940

320 Will it be OK to present a poster that I have already presented at a previous conference?

Yes, absolutely. The scientific content of your poster is entirely in your hands.

FAQ ID Nr. 705

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 22320

321 Does the meeting organizer need help organizing scientific sessions?

If you would like to help us put the scientific programme in place please contact us to let us know - england@mangosee.com. Additionally, since sessions are made up of participants presenting work, the very best thing you can do to add a session to the programme is to encourage a number of your colleagues in the field to sign up to participate in the meeting - please spread the word as widely as possible. With half a dozen or so presenters and presentations on the same theme it's all very easy to put together a session - so please do let us know if you and a group of colleagues would all like to speak on a certain theme.

FAQ ID Nr. 67

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 17280

322 I have registered and am included amongst the list of confirmed participants - how do I access the general and practical information web pages for confirmed participants?

Thanks for signing up. Please simply contact the meeting organizer (england@mangosee.com) to request the password for these information pages. (The web pages in question are at www.mangosee.com/mangosteen/info/index.htm).

FAQ ID Nr. 192

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 18300

323 I will be bringing a poster presentation - what information do you need from me about the poster ahead of the meeting?

We need your abstract, which forms part of the registration procedure. Although it's fairly obvious, please make sure to include the title of the poster and the full list of authors (and respective institutions) in the abstract - with that we don't require any further information. But do please let us know if you will be bringing more than one poster.

FAQ ID Nr. 253

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 15080

324 I work locally to the meeting venue - may I present work at the meeting?

Yes. As the experts with local knowledge in the field your contributions are most important to the success of the meeting. Accordingly, we encourage you and as many of your colleagues as are interested to present work during the meeting. This is really very important, so please do contact us to let us know if you would like to give an oral or poster presentation. We aim to find room in the programme for as many locally based presentations as possible. .

FAQ ID Nr. 272

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 15260

325 I would like to give my talk on a specific day at a specific time during the meeting - will the organizers be able to accommodate such a request?

Yes. We aim for the programme to be somewhat fluid and flexible up until the last minute, and hence there should be no problem at all in identifying a slot that will be suitable for you. Please just let us know your preference for day and time and we'll factor it into the running order of oral presentations.

FAQ ID Nr. 277

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 22860

326 What is the preferred method/medium for oral presentations?

We ask that all speakers prepare to present MS PowerPoint presentations. A computer running Windows XP and containing all essential software will be made available by the meeting organizer for presentations. If you would like to use a different file format to present your work please do let us know prior to the meeting - and please be prepared to submit your presentation (and any necessary software) for a test screening well ahead of your scheduled presentation.

FAQ ID Nr. 570

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 18980

327 Will it be possible for me to give two oral presentations?

Yes, this should be possible - although to a degree it depends on how many oral presentations are submitted. As always we will do whatever we can to accommodate the particular needs of individual participants. If you would like to present two talks please do let us know as soon as you can. Please also try to keep the presentations shorter rather than longer - this will help us to fit both into the programme.

FAQ ID Nr. 706

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 22680

328 Will a computer be available to me should I want to make modifications to my presentation PowerPoint file?

Yes, please just ask the meeting organizer at some point during the meeting.

FAQ ID Nr. 694

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 24240

329 Which medium should I use to carry my presentation?

USB flash drive/memory stick is certainly the most flexible option. CD and floppy disk will also be OK if you aren't able to bring a flash drive.

FAQ ID Nr. 676

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 19860

330 Where on the Mangosteen website can I find information on the format and daily structure of the meeting?

Please refer to the individual meeting web pages listed below for schedules/timetables containing the meeting format:

Meetings in 2007:

Malaria 2007 –

<http://www.mangosee.com/mangosteen/2007/malaria2007/malaria2007meetingformat.pdf>

Pathogenic Helminths 2007 –

<http://www.mangosee.com/mangosteen/2007/helminths2007/helminths2007meetingformat.pdf>

HIV/AIDS 2007

<http://www.mangosee.com/mangosteen/2007/hiv aids2007/hiv aids2007meetingformat.pdf>

Pneumococci 2007 –

<http://www.mangosee.com/mangosteen/2007/pneumococci2007/pneumococci2007meetingformat.pdf>

Antibiotic Resistance 2007 –

<http://www.mangosee.com/mangosteen/2007/antibiotics2007/antibiotics2007meetingformat.pdf>

Medicinal Chemistry 2007 –

<http://www.mangosee.com/mangosteen/2007/medchem2007/medchem2007meetingformat.pdf>

Meetings in 2008:

Hepatitis 2008 –

<http://www.mangosee.com/mangosteen/2008/hepatitis2008/hepatitis2008meetingformat.pdf>

Kinetoplastid Diseases 2008 –

<http://www.mangosee.com/mangosteen/2008/kinetoplastids2008/kinetoplastids2008meetingformat.pdf>

Tuberculosis 2008 –

<http://www.mangosee.com/mangosteen/2008/tb2008/tb2008meetingformat.pdf>

Enteric Pathogens 2008 –

<http://www.mangosee.com/mangosteen/2008/enterics2008/enterics2008meetingformat.pdf>

FAQ ID Nr. 662

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 20400

331 If I bring a PowerPoint presentation with me - might there be time available in the programme for an impromptu/last minute presentation?

Yes, certainly. If you would like to add a talk to the programme, please do let us know once you arrive in West Africa and we'll do our best to find a suitable time for your presentation.

FAQ ID Nr. 288

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 15400

332 What is the recommended paper and format for poster presentations?

There are no strict recommendations for poster presentations. All that we suggest is that if at all possible please print your posters on lightweight paper since such posters are very much easier to hang for a period of days than heavyweight or plasticized paper. In general we ask that posters are displayed from the start of the meeting (or poster session on day one) until around the time of the last oral presentation - this gives everyone all the time they could possibly need to review posters, and talk

to the authors, during breaks in the programme.

FAQ ID Nr. 571

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 19000

333 I would like to present more than one poster during the meeting will this be possible?

Yes, certainly. We have no plans to put restrictions on the total number of posters, so please feel free to bring as many posters as you like, provided that they are on a topic related to the main field of the meeting. Please do submit an abstract for each poster (including the title and names and institutes of authors).

FAQ ID Nr. 284

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 15380

334 What is the maximum number of posters that will be accepted for presentation?

There will be no limit on the number of posters at the meeting. Whether you are presenting orally or not, feel free to also bring and present a poster (or two). Please also submit an abstract for each poster presentation.

FAQ ID Nr. 566

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 18900

335 I'll be giving an oral presentation during the meeting - as will a colleague of mine from the same department. I would like to give my presentation immediately before my colleague, since our projects are very much related - will this be possible?

Yes, of course. The scheduling of talks during the programme is intended to be flexible enough to suit the specific needs of individual speakers, so we are only too happy to do whatever we can to accommodate individual requests.

FAQ ID Nr. 308

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 16540

336 When will I be told the time and date of my presentation?

The final schedule of oral presentations will only be made available in the last few days or at most a week ahead of the start of the meeting. If for some reason you need to know exactly which date and time you will be speaking (or if you have a particular preference) please do let us know, we'll be sure to provide the information you need.

FAQ ID Nr. 642

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 20420

337 I don't want to present a full oral presentation, but I may want to present a very short talk (5 to 10 minutes) just to introduce my work and/or my institute - will this be possible?

Yes, that's easily accommodated and most welcome. Please just let us know your exact intentions shortly before the start of the meeting and we'll find a slot in the programme for you to give your presentation.

FAQ ID Nr. 178

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 22900

338 The meeting title states what the field of the meeting will be - but how wide will the scope be?

Mangosteen does not hand-pick its meeting participants. Likewise, we do not hand-pick who will present work and who will not in quite the same way as many other meeting organizers do - and hence we don't control the scope or themes of the meeting in the same way either. We allow speakers to talk on whatever they deem will be appropriate and of interest to the majority of participants. Who ultimately participates and what is presented and discussed very much depends on who is interested in participating in the meeting. This approach works extremely effectively and has already proven to be extremely popular amongst the participants of past meetings. The very best way in which to get an idea about the themes the meeting will take on is to take a look through the list of confirmed participants (to review their published literature) and to read the abstracts that each speaker has submitted.

LINKS TO THE LISTS OF CURRENT CONFIRMED PARTICIPANTS

Meetings in 2007:

Malaria 2007 –

<http://www.mangosee.com/mangosteen/2007/malaria2007/malaria2007participants.htm>

Pathogenic Helminths 2007 –

<http://www.mangosee.com/mangosteen/2007/helminths2007/helminths2007participants.htm>

HIV/AIDS 2007

<http://www.mangosee.com/mangosteen/2007/hiv aids2007/hiv aids2007participants.htm>

Pneumococci 2007 –

<http://www.mangosee.com/mangosteen/2007/pneumococci2007/pneumococci2007participants.htm>

Antibiotic Resistance 2007 –

<http://www.mangosee.com/mangosteen/2007/antibiotics2007/antibiotics2007participants.htm>

Medicinal Chemistry 2007 –

<http://www.mangosee.com/mangosteen/2007/medchem2007/medchem2007participants.htm>

Meetings in 2008:

Hepatitis 2008 –

<http://www.mangosee.com/mangosteen/2008/hepatitis2008/hepatitis2008participants.htm>

Kinetoplastid Diseases 2008 –

<http://www.mangosee.com/mangosteen/2008/kinetoplastids2008/kinetoplastids2008participants.htm>

Tuberculosis 2008 –

<http://www.mangosee.com/mangosteen/2008/tb2008/tb2008participants.htm>

Enteric Pathogens 2008 –

<http://www.mangosee.com/mangosteen/2008/enterics2008/enterics2008participants.htm>

FAQ ID Nr. 518

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 20700

339 Are there pre-determined or recommended dimensions for posters?

No. Mangosteen's approach is to leave the size and shape of posters to individual participants. We see no need to set guidelines or restrictions but simply ask that you do a professional job and prepare the best presentation that you can, within the limit of the resources available to you. Whatever the size or shape of your posters we will find a way to suitably display it.

FAQ ID Nr. 34

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 17840

340 Is it OK if I bring my talk on a USB flash drive/memory stick?

Yes. A USB flash drive/memory stick is seen as optimal, being far and away the most convenient medium.

FAQ ID Nr. 393

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 16180

341 Is it OK if I bring my talk on a floppy disk?

Yes. If you don't also have it on a USB flash drive/memory stick, please make sure to get the floppy disk to the meeting organizer at least one whole session before you are scheduled to speak.

FAQ ID Nr. 392

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 22640

342 Is it OK if I bring my talk on a CD?

Yes. If you don't also have it on a USB flash drive/memory stick, please make sure to get the CD to the meeting organizer at least one whole session before you are scheduled to speak.

FAQ ID Nr. 391

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 16420

343 Will the meeting organizer make the oral presentation PowerPoint files of speakers available to any participants that would like to have a copy?

No. We don't intend to collect and distribute presentation files. If you as a fellow participant would like to have a copy of a particular presentation please simply ask the author to let you have a copy at the time or by email after the meeting.

FAQ ID Nr. 732

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 23740

344 Will a computer be provided for oral presentations?

Yes, there will be a dedicated laptop to go along with the projector and other essential equipment.

FAQ ID Nr. 695

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 24260

345 I would like to participate in the meeting, but before I register I would like know who will pay my travel, accommodation and daily expenses during the meeting?

Individual participants will pay their own travel and accommodation. So really only people that have the funds to travel and support themselves will be at the meeting. Mangosteen is a very small, new initiative which currently has little by way of external support. This situation will hopefully change in the future, so allowing us to be in a position to support the participation of prospective participants who lack the resources to travel. The one thing the meeting organizer is able to do by way of financial assistance at this point in time is to waive the meeting fee - please check FAQs on meeting fee reduction and do contact us if you need further assistance on the matter.

FAQ ID Nr. 278

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 15320

346 How much will transport from to the Gambian coast to Tendaba cost?

Not much. The cost per person for a seat in a chartered minibus is generally of the order of 20 euros for the round-trip. This varies depending on the exact number of people travelling.

FAQ ID Nr. 155

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 18000

347 How much will the meeting's social programme cost?

There is no pre-planned social programme of banquets, dinners, sightseeing tours or other social events. The organizer has no intention of spending your money for you - you only need to spend what your budget will allow you to spend - we appreciate and greatly respect the fact that many participants, particularly those from developing nations, travel to meetings on very tight budgets. The organizer will arrange for group dinners during the meeting, but only for those who choose to participate - there is no obligation what so ever to attend. In the past these dinners have proven to be particularly popular amongst meeting participants and are generally very well attended. The organizer will also make arrangements for any interested meeting participants to do some sightseeing before, during or after the meeting, either individually or in a small group.

FAQ ID Nr. 154

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 24000

348 I've never been to the developing world (or West Africa in particular) - I'm a little scared to go there - is it safe?

Yes, it's safe. At Mangosteen we select our meeting locations extremely carefully. We know the meeting locations intimately. The region is safe and that's why we are happy to encourage prospective meeting participants and first time visitors to West Africa such as yourself to go take a look with your own eyes - only then will you realize how little there is to be scared of! For the most part (in most regions) West Africa is really an extremely fascinating and peaceful part of the world, and a very enjoyable place to spend some time.

FAQ ID Nr. 468

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 20820

349 Do I need to take healthcare precautions before travelling to West Africa?

Yes. There are no required vaccinations before travelling to the region (unless, for example, you are travelling from a region in which yellow fever is endemic) - but there are several which are recommended. Mangosteen recommends that all confirmed participants discuss healthcare precautions with their doctor and/or travel clinic prior to departing for the meeting.

FAQ ID Nr. 61

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 17200

350 Is Dakar safe?

Yes. Dakar is without a doubt safer than any sizeable US or European city. At Mangosteen we select our meeting locations extremely carefully. We know Dakar intimately - it is safe and that's why we are happy to encourage our meeting participants, many of whom will we know be first time visitors to Africa or the developing world, to visit one of West Africa's most vibrant and modern cities.

FAQ ID Nr. 381

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 16100

351 Is Kololi safe?

Yes, very much so. There is very little crime in The Gambia. The Atlantic coast of the Gambia, of which Kololi is part, is a region which relies on the revenue of its tourist industry for the employment of a large proportion of local people. If theft or violent assaults were at all common in the area then the volume of tourists would dry up overnight and the country as a whole would be very much poorer than it is already.

FAQ ID Nr. 424

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 21280

352 What is the likelihood that I will contract malaria in Senegal?

Very, very low - provided that you take the requisite precautions. But the first and most important thing to keep in mind is the weather - if your meeting will be held in the dry season (from November to May) then you will see very few mosquitoes during your trip to West Africa and consequently the likelihood of contracting malaria is practically nil. The weather notwithstanding, we recommend that you take the appropriate anti-malarial prophylactics, use insect repellent and wear long sleeved clothing and cover your legs every evening - more information will be provided to confirmed participants ahead of the meeting.

FAQ ID Nr. 557

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 19660

353 What is the likelihood that I will contract malaria in The Gambia?

Very, very low - provided that you take the requisite precautions. But the first and most important thing to keep in mind is the weather - if your meeting will be held in the dry season (from November to May) then you will see very few mosquitoes during your trip to West Africa and consequently the likelihood of contracting malaria is practically nil. The weather notwithstanding, we recommend that you take the appropriate anti-malarial prophylactics, use insect repellent and wear long sleeved clothing and cover your legs every evening - more information will be provided to confirmed participants ahead of the meeting.

354 Is it recommended to be vaccinated against yellow fever before travelling to The Gambia?

Yes. To the best of our knowledge, the only time that The Gambia requires that you are vaccinated against yellow fever (as opposed to recommending it) is if you are travelling from a region in which the disease is endemic. Mangosteen recommends that all confirmed participants discuss healthcare precautions with their doctor and/or travel clinic prior to departing to the meeting.

355 Do I need to bring anti-malaria medicine to the meeting with me?

Yes. The meeting will be held in a malarial region and hence it makes good sense to take the right precautions to guarantee having no problems with malaria. So, yes, we do suggest that you consider taking a course of anti-malarial prophylactics (typically either lariam/mefloquine or malarone) before, during and after the meeting. Mangosteen recommends that all confirmed participants discuss healthcare precautions with their doctor and/or travel clinic prior to departing to the meeting.

356 Does Dakar have good health services and hospitals?

Yes. Dakar has a number of trustworthy hospitals, well trained medical specialists and an excellent (privately run) emergency medical service. Dakar is very much the regional focus for healthcare - both for Senegal and The Gambia.

357 Is it recommended to be vaccinated against yellow fever before travelling to Senegal?

Yes, according to the website of the embassy of Senegal in London (<http://www.senegalembassy.co.uk/visaAndpassport.html>) it is recommended that visitors vaccinate themselves against yellow fever - "Recommended inoculations: Yellow Fever (not compulsory)". Mangosteen recommends that all confirmed participants discuss healthcare precautions with their doctor and/or travel clinic prior to departing to the meeting. To the best of our knowledge, the only time that Senegal requires that you are vaccinated against yellow fever (as opposed to recommending it) is if you are travelling from a region in which the disease is endemic.

358 Does The Gambia have good health services and hospitals?

In general The Gambia's health services and hospitals are not up to the same standard as those in Europe or North America - there are also not that many hospitals in the country. The UK funded Medical Research Council (MRC) Laboratories in Fajara provide some excellent clinical services and the Royal Victoria Teaching Hospital in Banjul is centrally located. The best hospitals in the region are not in The Gambia but in Dakar, the capital of Senegal - in case of an emergency it's wise to either

travel to Dakar or fly to Europe. Dakar also has an emergency air ambulance service that will rapidly respond to calls from The Gambia.

FAQ ID Nr. 82

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 18420

359 What is the likelihood that I will contract yellow fever in The Gambia?

Very, very low - provided that you take the requisite precautions. But the first and most important thing to keep in mind is the weather - if your meeting will be held in the dry season (from November to May) then you will see very few mosquitoes during your trip to West Africa and consequently the likelihood of contracting yellow fever is practically nil. The weather notwithstanding, we recommend that you inoculate yourself against yellow fever, use insect repellent and wear long sleeved clothing when sitting outside - more information will be provided to confirmed participants ahead of the meeting.

FAQ ID Nr. 560

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 19060

360 What is the likelihood that I will contract yellow fever in Senegal?

Very, very low - provided that you take the requisite precautions. But the first and most important thing to keep in mind is the weather - if your meeting will be held in the dry season (from November to May) then you will see very few mosquitoes during your trip to West Africa and consequently the likelihood of contracting yellow fever is practically nil. The weather notwithstanding, we recommend that you inoculate yourself against yellow fever, use insect repellent and wear long sleeved clothing when sitting outside - more information will be provided to confirmed participants ahead of the meeting.

FAQ ID Nr. 559

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 20180

361 I've read that vaccination against yellow fever is a prerequisite to being allowed to enter The Gambia - is this true?

No, to this is not true, unless you are arriving in The Gambia from a region which is endemic in yellow fever. For all other visitors to the region it is simply recommended that you vaccinate yourself against yellow fever.

FAQ ID Nr. 472

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 20900

362 Should I take healthcare precautions before travelling to West Africa?

Yes. We recommend that all confirmed participants discuss healthcare precautions with their doctor and/or travel clinic prior to departing to the meeting.

FAQ ID Nr. 501

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 21540

363 Two South African friends have warned me about safety in Dakar. What are your thoughts?

Unfortunately, our first thoughts are primarily that your friends are creating the kind of fear and doubts about West Africa in your mind that Mangosteem is working hard to dispel. Dakar is without a doubt safer than any sizeable US or European city - and certainly a lot safer than most South African cities. At Mangosteem we select our meeting locations extremely carefully. We know Dakar intimately - it is safe and that's why we are happy to encourage our meeting participants, many of whom will we know be first time visitors to Africa or the developing world, to visit one of West Africa's most vibrant and modern cities - it has its annoyances, but these are generally minor, and we wholly expect you to enjoy your time in Dakar, without fearing for your well being.

FAQ ID Nr. 523

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 19340

364 I've read that vaccination against yellow fever is a prerequisite to being allowed to enter Senegal - is this true?

No, this is not true, unless you are arriving in Senegal from a region which is endemic in yellow fever. For all other visitors to the region it is simply recommended that you vaccinate yourself against yellow fever.

FAQ ID Nr. 471

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 20880

365 I'm not in the best of health - and I don't enjoy long road journeys - is it wise for me to travel to Tendaba?

For the most part (for approximately three hours) the road from the Gambian coast to Tendaba is very bumpy and rather uncomfortable, no matter how good your vehicle's suspension. West of Brikama it's a good, fast black topped tarmac road, whereas East of Brikama the road either contains large potholes or is unpaved. Tendaba is extremely remote and there are no truly reliable health services in the vicinity. With all of this in mind we don't recommend that anyone with significant health concerns travels with the group to Tendaba. If you have your doubts about the journey or have further questions please contact us at england@mangosee.com

FAQ ID Nr. 332

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 16840

366 Where on the Mangosteem website can I find information about preparatory healthcare precautions that I should consider ahead of departing for the meeting?

Please refer to the following password protected web page. All confirmed participants will be given access to the page after completing the registration procedure - please request the password if you don't already have it.

Link to Web Page containing General and Practical Information on the meeting - <http://mangosee.com/mangosteem/info/index.htm>

FAQ ID Nr. 659

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 20560

367 I have some health problems - is it unwise for me to consider participating in this meeting in the developing world?

Not necessarily. That all very much depends on what exactly your health problems are, and what your needs might be in the case of a problem or an emergency. Please contact the meeting organizer to explain your situation and to discuss things before you go to the trouble of submitting your registration.

FAQ ID Nr. 194

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 16680

368 I will only be in Dakar during the meeting - I don't intend to leave the city - what are the minimum immunizations that you would recommend that I consider?

The first thing to say is that malaria, for example, is present throughout the whole of Senegal, even in Dakar - so there is no major distinction between the city and country when it comes to health considerations. The second thing to say is, please, whether visiting only the city or the country or both, before you depart for Senegal do make sure to consult with your doctor and/or travel clinic to ask their recommendations on how best to protect yourself against the endemic diseases of the region. Mangosteen is not qualified to provide such advice, and so we choose not to - we are not trained healthcare professionals and all we can do is direct you to the people who are, as well as guiding you somewhat by informing you of the precautions that we take before travelling to Dakar.

Link to Mangosteen's Suggested Healthcare Precautions:
<http://mangosee.com/mangosteen/email/healthcareprecautions.htm>

Disclaimer: Please the above webpage only contains Mangosteen's suggestions, things that we consider before travelling to Senegal and/or The Gambia. They are only suggestions, not recommendations - we at Mangosteen are not medical practitioners and are not qualified to give such advice - please consult with your doctor and/or travel clinic ahead of departing for the region.

FAQ ID Nr. 265

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 15180

369 Someone told me that all visitors to The Gambia are required to be vaccinated against meningococcal meningitis - is this true?

No, it's not true. It's not a bad idea to be vaccinated against meningococcal meningitis before travelling to The Gambia, but it's certainly not a requirement of entry to the country. Mangosteen recommends that all confirmed participants discuss healthcare precautions with their doctor and/or travel clinic prior to departing to the meeting.

FAQ ID Nr. 512

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 21720

370 Someone told me that all visitors to Senegal are required to be vaccinated against meningococcal meningitis - is this true?

No, it's not true. It's not a bad idea to be vaccinated against meningococcal meningitis before travelling to Senegal, but it's certainly not a requirement of entry to the country. Mangosteen recommends that all confirmed participants discuss healthcare precautions with their doctor and/or travel clinic prior to departing to the meeting.

FAQ ID Nr. 511

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 21700

371 Is it safe to bring my laptop computer to Senegal?

Yes. We recommend that you keep it locked in your hotel room when you are not using it and the likelihood that it will get stolen is negligible. In addition - please make sure that the data on your laptop is well backed up before you leave home - the data is almost certainly more valuable than the computer itself.

FAQ ID Nr. 421

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 21460

372 Is it safe to bring my laptop computer to The Gambia?

Yes. We recommend that you keep it locked in your hotel room when you are not using it and the likelihood that it will get stolen is negligible. In addition - please make sure that the data on your laptop is well backed up before you leave home - the data is almost certainly more valuable than the computer itself.

FAQ ID Nr. 422

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 21240

373 Are there any vegetarian restaurants in Kololi?

Not that we know of. However, vegetarian meeting participants have thus far been extremely satisfied with the food options available to them in the area. Kololi has so many European tourists that they are very familiar with the needs of vegetarian customers and so they are always able to prepare vegetarian dishes, even if they are not listed on the menu.

FAQ ID Nr. 29

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 24300

374 Are there any vegetarian restaurants in Dakar?

Not that we know of. However, vegetarian meeting participants have thus far been extremely satisfied with the food options available to them in the city. Such is the way of things in Dakar that it's always possible to mention your personal tastes and requirements to the chef in any given restaurant and they are only to prepare meals to suit.

FAQ ID Nr. 28

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 24320

375 Will it be possible to exchange hard currency (US dollars, Euros, UK sterling etc) to local currency in my hotel?

Yes, always.

FAQ ID Nr. 707

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 20040

376 Is The Gambia an expensive country to visit?

No, it's an extremely inexpensive country in which to spend some time. The coastal zone is not truly representative of the nation as a whole since everything is geared towards tourism, and hence near-European prices are the norm. This notwithstanding, the hotels and restaurants in the region could never be considered as expensive. Once away from the coastal resorts however everything is considerably cheaper.

FAQ ID Nr. 432

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 22000

377 How easy is it to exchange cash - either US dollars, Euros, or UK pounds sterling (or other hard currencies) - into local currency in The Gambia?

It's very easy, and always possible at practically any time of day or night. When you have hard currency in cash it will never be a problem to get your hands on local currency. Kololi especially, given the large number of European tourists, has a number of exchange bureaus and banks. Many locals will also happily make the change for you - typically at better rates than the banks offer. Most hotels will also exchange major currencies.

FAQ ID Nr. 112

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 18720

378 How easy is it to exchange cash - either US dollars, Euros, or UK pounds sterling (or other hard currencies) - into local currency in Senegal?

It's very easy, and always possible at practically any time of day or night. When you have hard currency in cash it will never be a problem to get your hands on local currency. Dakar has a number of centrally located exchange bureaus - in banks, private operations and money changers. Most hotels will also exchange major currencies.

FAQ ID Nr. 111

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 18700

379 Should I exchange some money for Senegalese currency before flying to Dakar?

No. There is not reason at all to consider doing this - money is easily exchanged after you arrive at your hotel - the meeting organizer will make sure that you will not need any local currency to get from the airport to the hotel.

FAQ ID Nr. 500

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 21560

380 Is it possible to use my credit card to take money from a cash machine (ATM) in The Gambia?

Yes. It is possible to use certain bank and credit cards (including VISA) in Standard Chartered cash machines (ATMs) to withdraw local currency.

FAQ ID Nr. 418

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 21160

381 Will it be possible to exchange hard currency (US dollars, Euros, UK sterling etc) to local currency in my hotel?

Yes, always.

FAQ ID Nr. 708

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 20060

382 Is it possible to use my bank card or credit card to withdraw local currency from a cash machine (ATM) in Senegal?

Yes.

FAQ ID Nr. 417

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 21140

383 Should I exchange some money for Gambian currency before flying to Banjul?

No. There is not reason at all to consider doing this - money is easily exchanged at the airport or after you arrive at your hotel - the meeting organizer will make sure that you will not need any local currency to get from the airport to the hotel.

FAQ ID Nr. 499

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 21580

384 Is it possible to get a cash advance on a credit card from a bank in The Gambia?

No. As of May 2006 it was not possible. However, it is possible to use certain bank and credit cards (including VISA) in Standard Chartered cash machines (ATMs) to withdraw local currency.

FAQ ID Nr. 409

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 16400

385 Is it possible to exchange cash hard currency (US dollar, Euros, UK sterling etc) into Gambian currency in Tendaba?

Yes. The reception at Tendaba Camp will happily make the exchange for you. The only down side is that their unofficial exchange rates are not as generous as those available from banks, bureaus and freelance money changers on the coast.

FAQ ID Nr. 406

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 16360

386 Is it possible to get a cash advance on a credit card from a bank in Senegal?

We've not attempted a cash advance in a while and so have no up to date information - but in 2003 it was certainly possible, even away from Dakar. It is also possible to use certain credit cards in cash machines (ATMs) to withdraw local currency.

FAQ ID Nr. 408

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 21920

387 Is there a cash machine (ATM) in Dakar airport?

Yes, there is a machine situated at the bank in arrivals lounge.

FAQ ID Nr. 457

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 21440

388 Which credit card is most useful in Senegal?

Without a doubt the most widely accepted credit card in Senegal (and West Africa in general, and perhaps the developing world in general) is VISA. MasterCard is certainly not accepted everywhere, and American Express cards are rarely accepted.

FAQ ID Nr. 674

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 19820

389 Which credit card is most useful in The Gambia?

Without a doubt the most widely accepted credit card in The Gambia (and West Africa in general, and perhaps the developing world in general) is VISA. MasterCard is certainly not accepted everywhere, and American Express cards are rarely accepted.

FAQ ID Nr. 675

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 19840

390 Is it possible to exchange hard currency (US dollar, Euros, UK sterling etc) in the form of traveller's cheques into Gambian currency in Tendaba?

No. The reception at Tendaba Camp will only exchange cash.

FAQ ID Nr. 407

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 16380

391 What's the currency of Senegal?

The Senegalese currency is common to all former French West African colonies - it's the West African CFA franc, a.k.a Franc CFA or FCFA. The currency code is XOF.

FAQ ID Nr. 612

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 20580

392 What's the currency of The Gambia?

The Dalasi is the currency of the Gambia - the currency code is GMD.

FAQ ID Nr. 613

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 19500

393 Are all kinds of traveller's cheques accepted by banks in The Gambia?

No. Many banks are very fussy as to the traveller's cheques that they will accept, simply refusing to exchange cheques they don't work with. In our experience American Express traveller's cheques are the only universally accepted cheques and so we recommend that you purchase AmEx cheques above all others.

FAQ ID Nr. 5

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 17460

394 Are all kinds of traveller's cheques accepted by banks in Senegal?

No. Many banks are very fussy as to the traveller's cheques that they will accept, simply refusing to exchange cheques they don't work with. In our experience American Express traveller's cheques are the only universally accepted cheques and so we recommend that you purchase AmEx cheques above all others.

FAQ ID Nr. 4

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 17440

395 Does the meeting organizer require my mailing address before writing my letter of invitation?

Yes. Please provide us with your mailing address - as well as you current institution and affiliation - and any specific text that you need to see written in the letter.

FAQ ID Nr. 476

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 20940

396 Does a letter of invitation from the meeting organizer include an offer of financial assistance?

No.

FAQ ID Nr. 68

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 17300

397 Where on the Mangosteen website can I find more details about the meeting?

Please take a look at the respective meeting home page at the addresses listed below:

Meetings in 2007:

Malaria 2007 –

<http://www.mangosee.com/mangosteen/2007/malaria2007/malaria2007.htm>

Pathogenic Helminths 2007 –

<http://www.mangosee.com/mangosteen/2007/helminths2007/helminths2007.htm>

HIV/AIDS 2007

<http://www.mangosee.com/mangosteen/2007/hiv aids2007/hiv aids2007.htm>

Pneumococci 2007 –

<http://www.mangosee.com/mangosteen/2007/pneumococci2007/pneumococci2007.htm>

Antibiotic Resistance 2007 –

<http://www.mangosee.com/mangosteen/2007/antibiotics2007/antibiotics2007.htm>

Medicinal Chemistry 2007 –

<http://www.mangosee.com/mangosteen/2007/medchem2007/medchem2007.htm>

Meetings in 2008:

Hepatitis 2008 –

<http://www.mangosee.com/mangosteen/2008/hepatitis2008/hepatitis2008.htm>

Kinetoplastid Diseases 2008 –

<http://www.mangosee.com/mangosteen/2008/kinetoplastids2008/kinetoplastids2008.htm>

Tuberculosis 2008 –

<http://www.mangosee.com/mangosteen/2008/tb2008/tb2008.htm>

Enteric Pathogens 2008 –

<http://www.mangosee.com/mangosteen/2008/enterics2008/enterics2008.htm>

FAQ ID Nr. 647

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 20460

398 Will the photographs taken at the meeting be available to all meeting participants?

Yes. All of the photos taken during the meeting will be uploaded to Mangosteen's FTP (file transfer protocol) site. All participants will be able to access the photos by using a simple FTP client programme. Please request the FTP address, username and password from the meeting organiser.

FAQ ID Nr. 729

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 20360

399 I can't access the meeting home page - is there a problem with the website?

The website and web server are quite reliable so it's unlikely that there is a significant problem. However there are occasional errors and problems with individual pages, so if you believe there is a problem or find an error please do let us know by email - please contact england@mangosee.com.

of the many established funding agencies or foundations. We wish you the very best of luck with your funding applications - if you need a letter of invitation in order to apply please let us know.

FAQ ID Nr. 747

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 19180

404 My company or organization would like to sponsor one of the sessions at the upcoming meeting - will this be possible?

Yes, certainly. Please do contact us to discuss the possibilities.

FAQ ID Nr. 478

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 20960

405 Will the meeting organizer make all of the necessary travel arrangements to get from Kololi to Tendaba, and back?

Yes.

FAQ ID Nr. 722

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 22220

406 Is it possible for the meeting organizer to arrange transport to take me from Tendaba to Kololi/Banjul (airport) one or more days earlier/later than the rest of the meeting group?

Yes, this is easily done. Please just let the meeting organizer know when it is that you need to return to the coast and we'll make the necessary arrangements.

FAQ ID Nr. 400

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 16280

407 Is it possible for the meeting organizer to arrange transport to take me from Tendaba to Dakar one or more days earlier/later than the rest of the group?

Yes, it's possible, but it's not easy. If your schedule demands that you make this journey please contact us to discuss things before confirming your travel and flight plans.

FAQ ID Nr. 399

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 22520

408 How long does it take to travel from Banjul or Kololi on the Gambian coast to Tendaba?

It's a journey of 3 1/2 to 5 hours depending on the kind of vehicle used - small car taxi (fastest) and minibus represent the two extremes.

FAQ ID Nr. 128

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 18800

409 I don't have much free time in my schedule - is it possible and worth visiting Tendaba for just one day?

Yes. It's a delightful part of the world to spend a day or so. Please let us know your flight details and proposed itinerary and we'll happily arrange everything for you - including transportation to get you to the airport in time. It's all very straightforward.

FAQ ID Nr. 174

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 18240

410 I plan to fly home from Banjul airport one day before the group departs Tendaba - will it still be possible for me to visit Tendaba?

Yes, absolutely and it's well worth the visit. It won't be a problem at all, transport from Tendaba back to the coastal region is easily arranged. Please make sure to let the meeting organizer know your plans so that the appropriate travel arrangements can be made.

FAQ ID Nr. 220

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 15700

411 How long does it take to get from Dakar to Tendaba?

It's a journey of about 8-10 hours depending on delays at the river crossing and border posts.

FAQ ID Nr. 127

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 18780

412 How many days notice is required to organize transport and accommodation for a one or two night trip from Kololi to Tendaba?

Not long. The meeting organizer can make all of the necessary arrangements for a small group trip to Tendaba with just a day's notice.

FAQ ID Nr. 139

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 23640

413 I plan to fly home from Dakar airport one day before the group departs Tendaba - will it still be possible for me to visit Tendaba?

Yes, it's possible - but not necessarily advisable since you will have to return to Dakar from Tendaba alone. It's quite probably not at all easy for someone without prior experience of travelling in rural West Africa to make this 8-10 hour journey. If you would like further information about the trip from Tendaba to Dakar please contact the meeting organizer - england@mangosee.com

FAQ ID Nr. 221

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 23400

414 If I choose to leave Tendaba earlier/later than the group, how will I get back to Kololi (or Banjul airport)? Are there regular buses between Tendaba and the coast?

No, there are no regular 'buses' between Tendaba and the coast - the mode of public transport is a little different in rural Gambia. However, it's not difficult to find or arrange transport to make the trip - please ask the meeting organizer to advise/assist you on how to go about it at some point during the meeting.

FAQ ID Nr. 289

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 15420

415 If I want to leave Tendaba early/late than the main group - will this be possible?

Yes, of course. Please just let us know when you intend to depart so that we can account for hotel reservations and the group's transportation etc. We may be able to advise or assist with regard to your ongoing transportation, so please do ask us at some point during the meeting.

FAQ ID Nr. 298

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 16460

416 Is it possible to leave Tendaba, The Gambia and fly home from Dakar, Senegal on the same day?

Yes, but not unless your flight is after about 9pm in the evening. It takes something of the order of 10-11 hours to travel from Tendaba to Dakar, and hence an afternoon flight would be impossible - while a late night flight would be no problem at all. If you do intend to fly home on the same day that the meeting group will depart Tendaba please do let the meeting organizer know as soon as you have your travel plans confirmed.

FAQ ID Nr. 383

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 16120

417 Is it expensive to travel from Tendaba to Kololi or Banjul airport independently?

Generally no, it's not expensive. The cost of this 3 1/2 to 5 hour trip entirely depends on your chosen of transport - it can cost anywhere from approximately 3 euros to 100 euros - the cheapest being by public minibus and the most expensive by private taxi.

FAQ ID Nr. 389

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 21840

418 Are email and the internet accessible in Tendaba?

No. There are no internet cafes in Tendaba or the surrounding area, it's a rather remote part of the world.

FAQ ID Nr. 13

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 17580

419 What's the road from Tendaba to Brikama like?

Bumpy! Not far east of Brikama (a town just away from the coastal region), the main road to the rest of the country ('up-country') deteriorates significantly. The fast, smooth black tar road gives way to what is at times a pot-holed tar road, and is the rest of its length a wide, unpaved dirt track. This all makes for a rather uncomfortable journey - although the fascinating scenery does a lot to take ones mind off the terrain beneath the wheels.

FAQ ID Nr. 628

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 20600

420 I will be flying into Dakar late at night - will someone meet me at the airport?

Yes, certainly. Your arrival time makes no difference, there will be someone to meet you no matter what time you arrive in Dakar. Almost all flights from Europe arrive in Dakar very late at night or early in the morning, so your arrival time will certainly not be exceptional.

FAQ ID Nr. 255

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 15120

421 I will be flying into Banjul late at night - will someone meet me at the airport?

Yes, certainly. Your arrival time makes no difference, there will be someone to meet you no matter what time you arrive in Banjul.

FAQ ID Nr. 254

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 15100

422 If my plane to Dakar is delayed - will there still be someone at the airport to meet me?

Yes. No matter what time your plane arrives in Dakar, no matter how long the delay, we will always plan on having someone waiting at the airport to meet you.

FAQ ID Nr. 303

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 23220

423 If my plane to Banjul is delayed - will there still be someone at the airport to meet me?

Yes. No matter what time your plane arrives in Banjul, no matter how long the delay, we will always plan on having someone waiting at the airport to meet you.

FAQ ID Nr. 302

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 16500

424 I will be arriving at Dakar airport after the start of the meeting (likely during one of the scientific sessions) - will it still be possible for a meeting representative to come to the airport to meet me?

Yes, that won't be a problem at all. If the meeting organizer is not able to come due to time constraints then we will make arrangements for a driver to meet you.

FAQ ID Nr. 251

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 22300

425 How will I recognize the meeting representative at the airport?

Quite easily. When you walk out of the doors of the arrivals area please don't take more than a few steps to the side before you stop to look around. The meeting representative (most likely the meeting organizer) will be in front of you - likely amongst a crowd of local people awaiting friends and families - holding a printed sign with the name of the meeting in large black letters. If you don't instantly see the sign, please don't panic, please simply wait very near to the door of the arrivals area - the representative will find you.

FAQ ID Nr. 157

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 18020

426 I will be arriving at Banjul airport after the start of the meeting (likely during one of the scientific sessions) - will it still be possible for a meeting representative to come to the airport to meet me?

Yes, that won't be a problem at all. If the meeting organizer is not able to come due to time constraints then we will make arrangements for a driver to meet you.

FAQ ID Nr. 250

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 22340

427 What do I do if no one shows up at Banjul airport to meet me?

If the meeting representative is at all late getting to the airport to meet you, please simply stay where you are for at least 10-15 minutes - please wait as near to the doors of the arrivals area as possible. It's always possible that local traffic causes us to be delayed or that your flight arrives earlier than expected - but there is absolutely no reason for you to panic - a meeting representative will be there to meet you eventually. If the meeting representative does not arrive after a short while please try to find a way to call the meeting organizer's mobile phone (you will be given the number just ahead of the meeting - it may or may not be the same as in 2006 which is 987 5748) - for this you may have to beg a favour from a stranger, but Gambians are generally extremely receptive to helping people with their problems. Many Gambians carry mobile phones, so do your best to borrow one and call the meeting organizer. With this hopefully your problems will be over and you will shortly be in your hotel room.

FAQ ID Nr. 535

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 19420

428 How long does the journey take from central Dakar to the airport by taxi?

Typically about 20 minutes. Of late there's a lot of construction work going on in the centre of Dakar meaning that at times (noticeably the evening rush hour) the journey can take up to 40 minutes.

FAQ ID Nr. 135

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Sort Nr. 23600

429 How far is the meeting venue from Dakar airport?

The meeting will be held in the centre of Dakar, which is approximately 20 minutes by taxi from the airport.

FAQ ID Nr. 119

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Sort Nr. 24060

430 How far is Kololi (and the meeting venue) from Banjul airport?

About 20 minutes by taxi.

FAQ ID Nr. 117

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Sort Nr. 24340

431 Will it be cheap and easy to take a taxi from Dakar airport to my hotel?

If you know what you are doing, or have previous experience, then yes, it's both easy and cheap to take a taxi from Dakar airport to the centre of the city. However, if you don't know what you're doing then it can be both extremely confusing and expensive since the taxi drivers have their own way of doing things, and they'll try to drastically over-charge (by 300%) the uninitiated at the same time.

Mangosteen will have a meeting representative meet you at the airport when you arrive - and so there should be absolutely no reason that you will have to take a taxi on your own to your hotel. Please do let us know if you intend to take a taxi from the airport and we will provide further information how to go about - some details are listed in the Database of Answers on Senegal and The Gambia, a document which will be accessible to all confirmed participants.

FAQ ID Nr. 387

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Sort Nr. 21900

432 I've purchased my flight ticket - will there be any additional charges to pay upon arrival in Banjul airport?

Yes, there may well be. Our knowledge of the details is incomplete - but a new 'arrival tax' might apply to you if you are arriving from an airport other than Dakar (or possibly other West Africa cities). The cost in April 2006 was 10 euros or 5 pounds sterling. Passengers arriving from London were certainly all asked to pay the tax.

FAQ ID Nr. 470

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Sort Nr. 20860

433 How easy is it to get a taxi from the centre of Dakar to Dakar airport?

Very easy. There are literally thousands of taxis driving around the streets of Dakar, day and night - all you need to do is flag one down and say that you need go to the airport. The most complicated part of the experience is determining the price for the ride, which is done by bargaining and which is admittedly quite challenging at first. However, by the end of your time in Dakar you will certainly know how to get a taxi for the right price, and if you don't please simply ask the meeting organizer for assistance.

FAQ ID Nr. 113

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Sort Nr. 23860

434 Is there an exit tax to pay upon leaving Banjul airport?

No, as of May 2006 there was no such tax in force.

FAQ ID Nr. 461

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Sort Nr. 20740

435 Is there an entrance tax to pay upon arriving at Dakar airport?

No, as of spring 2006 there was no such tax in force.

FAQ ID Nr. 460

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Sort Nr. 22980

436 Is there an exit tax to pay upon leaving Dakar airport?

No, as of spring 2006 there was no such tax in force.

FAQ ID Nr. 462

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Sort Nr. 20760

437 What guide book would you recommend for The Gambia?

We typically recommend two guidebooks which certainly complement one another - "The Gambia & Senegal" published by Lonely Planet. As of July 2006 it's in it's 2nd edition, but perhaps a 3rd edition will be out by the time you need it. But since the Lonely Planet also covers Senegal, perhaps the most detailed guide on The Gambia is "The Rough Guide to The Gambia", published by Rough Guides in 2003.

FAQ ID Nr. 545

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Sort Nr. 19560

438 What guide book would you recommend for Senegal?

We recommend "The Gambia & Senegal" published by Lonely Planet. As of July 2006 it's in it's 2nd edition, but perhaps a 3rd edition will be out by the time you need it.

FAQ ID Nr. 544

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 19540

439 What clothes do I need to bring to The Gambia?

One thing's for sure - the weather in The Gambia will at the very least be warm and sunny - and hence loose, lightweight (summer) clothing is the recommended option. More details will be available to confirmed meeting participants in Mangosteens Database of Answers on Senegal and The Gambia. The meeting itself will be extremely informal and relaxed and hence there's really no need to wear any kind of formal clothing.

FAQ ID Nr. 533

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 19400

440 What clothes do I need to bring to Senegal?

One thing's for sure - the weather in Senegal will at the very least be warm and sunny - and hence loose, lightweight (summer) clothing is the recommended option. More details will be available to confirmed meeting participants in Mangosteens Database of Answers on Senegal and The Gambia. The meeting itself will be extremely informal and relaxed and hence there's really no need to wear any kind of formal clothing.

FAQ ID Nr. 532

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 19380

441 I have some books in my office that I no longer need - I would like to donate them to a local institution during the meeting - will this be possible?

Yes, certainly. Please bring as many as you feel able with you and the meeting organizer will make sure to help you find a good home for them close to the meeting venue. Many thanks ahead for your generosity.

FAQ ID Nr. 193

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Sort Nr. 18320

442 How hot will it be around the time of the meeting?

This will depend on the specific timing of the meeting - in general it's warm and sunny in Senegal and The Gambia - mostly in the high 20s or low 30s. It's cooler (lower than 30°C) from February to May, and hotter in October to December (30-35°C or above). The rainy season is approximately from June to October at which time it will rain incredibly heavily at times, sometimes for short bursts, sometimes for extended periods - rivers will form in the streets during and large puddles will be result afterwards. It's never cold, and rarely can even be described as cool - evenings in Dakar are about as cool as it gets, requiring long shirt sleeves or a light jacket at most. The coast is also generally cooler than the interior - you'll feel the temperature change when driving from coast to interior.

FAQ ID Nr. 120

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 23520

443 Will there be a phone number that my family will be able to reach me on while I'm in Senegal?

Yes. The meeting organizer will be carrying a mobile phone with a local phone number at all times - you are free to use it to receive calls at any time. For the price of the phone credit you will also be able to make calls home on this phone. Please ask the meeting organizer for the phone number just ahead of the meeting. Then of course you will be reachable by phone at your hotel.

FAQ ID Nr. 448

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 21220

444 Are email and the internet easily accessible in Dakar?

Yes. There are many cheap, convenient internet cafes in central Dakar. The internet is never far away in Senegal's capital.

FAQ ID Nr. 11

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 17540

445 Are email and the internet easily accessible in Kololi?

Yes. There are a number of cheap, convenient internet cafes in the Senegambia area of Kololi (nearby the meeting venue) - including Quantumnet and Gamtel. There are further internet cafes dotted around other parts of Kololi, Serrekunda and Banjul - the internet is never far away on the Gambian coast.

FAQ ID Nr. 12

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 17560

446 What information do I need to include in my first email contact with the meeting organizer?

Please let us know who you are and where you work - so please include your name, institute (including its full name, city and country), your department and current affiliation. This will be a great help, thanks.

FAQ ID Nr. 546

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 19580

447 Will there be a phone number that my family will be able to reach me on while I'm in The Gambia?

Yes. The meeting organizer will be carrying a mobile phone with a local phone number at all times - you are free to use it to receive calls at any time. For the price of the phone credit you will also be able to make calls home on this phone. The phone number for this phone should be +220 987 5748, although this may change nearer the start of the meeting. Then of course you will be reachable by phone at your hotel.

FAQ ID Nr. 449

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 20640

448 Will there be internet access at the meeting venue?

No, there will not be internet access at the venue - but there are a number of cheap and convenient internet cafes within a few minutes walk of the conference room.

FAQ ID Nr. 735

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 23500

449 I have a mobile/cellular phone - what's the best way for me to stay in touch with my family/work while in Senegal?

We suggest that you purchase a local SIM card when in Senegal - they're cheap to buy and cheap to use. If you would like a SIM card do let us know once you arrive in Dakar, we can help you to buy one.

FAQ ID Nr. 183

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 23160

450 I have a mobile/cellular phone - what's the best way for me to stay in touch with my family/work while in The Gambia?

We suggest that you purchase a local SIM card when in The Gambia - they're cheap to buy and cheap to use. If you would like a SIM card do let us know once you arrive in Kololi, we can help you to buy one.

FAQ ID Nr. 184

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 23180

451 Will it be possible to connect my laptop to the internet in Kololi?

Yes. There are at least two internet cafes (including Quantumnet) in the Senegambia area that will allow you to hook up a laptop.

FAQ ID Nr. 405

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 16340

452 Will my mobile phone (cellular phone) work in Senegal?

If your phone works in Europe then it will work in Senegal. If you have a North American phone then it will need to be a 'triband' phone to function in West Africa. This says nothing of whether or not you will have an active connection which is entirely dependent on the level of roaming service you hold with your particular operator.

FAQ ID Nr. 711

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 22580

453 Will my mobile phone (cellular phone) work in The Gambia?

If your phone works in Europe then it will work in The Gambia. If you have a North American phone then it will need to be a 'triband' phone to function in West Africa. This says nothing of whether or not you will have an active connection which is entirely dependent on the level of roaming service you hold with your particular operator.

FAQ ID Nr. 713

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 21860

454 Will the participants receive a list of the email addresses of all other meeting participants?

Yes. All participants' email addresses will be incorporated into the final programme/abstract directory.

FAQ ID Nr. 733

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 20320

455 Will it be possible to connect my laptop to the internet in Dakar?

Yes. There are at least two internet cafes in the city centre that will allow you to hook up a laptop.

FAQ ID Nr. 404

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 16320

456 How much does a Gambian SIM card cost?

They're extremely cheap - the price as of April 2006 was 300 Dalasis - approximately 9 euros, \$11 US or 6 pounds sterling. There are two services - Gamcel (which is proven to work throughout the whole country) and Africell (which is perhaps best for those staying on the coast).

FAQ ID Nr. 146

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 24040

457 Will the meeting organizer purchase a Gambian SIM card for my mobile phone (cellular phone) ahead of my arrival in the country?

Yes, please let us know that you need one and we'll purchase the SIM card and email you the number before you leave home.

FAQ ID Nr. 723

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 23820

458 Will the meeting organizer purchase a Senegalese SIM card for my mobile phone (cellular phone) ahead of my arrival in the country?

Yes, please let us know that you need one and we'll purchase the SIM card and email you the number before you leave home.

FAQ ID Nr. 724

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 23700

459 How much does a Senegalese SIM card cost?

They're extremely cheap - the price for a Sentel (TIGO) SIM card in February 2006 was FCFA 2000 - approximately 3 euros, \$4 US or 2 pounds sterling. The cost also includes FCFA 1000 of phone credit.

FAQ ID Nr. 147

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 24020

460 Are Kololi and the rest of the Gambian coast set up for tourism?

Yes, very much so - plenty of good hotels, restaurants and lots of things to do. The coast of The Gambia is a winter sun destination for European tourists - mainly British, Dutch and Spanish. Your local travel agent may have a standard travel brochure on The Gambia - it's really quite a popular tourist destination, but one without an excessive amount of (over)development.

FAQ ID Nr. 14

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 23800

461 Do you have any information about reputable fishing guides that fish the Gambia River? I want to make sure that I choose one that truly supports the local economy, i.e.. where the money stays in The Gambia.

Yes. One of the meeting participants went fishing on the creek (which separates the capital from the mainland) during Bacterial Gastroenteritis 2006. It's also possible to go sea fishing or river fishing on the nearby Gambia River. Trips are very easily arranged with a local guide, no travel agents or intermediaries required.

FAQ ID Nr. 66

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 24220

462 Will the meeting participants have time during the meeting to see something of the country (The Gambia)?

Yes, the meeting is structured in such a way as to both allow plenty of time for science and for the meeting participants to see something of Kololi and the rest of the Atlantic coast region - as well as the rest of The Gambia en route to Tendaba. The meeting location lends so much to Mangosteen's meetings, and the meeting organizer will do whatever we can to help you to see what you want to see.

FAQ ID Nr. 728

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 23760

463 Will the meeting participants have time during the meeting to see something of the country (Senegal)?

Yes, the meeting is structured in such a way as to both allow plenty of time for science and for the meeting participants to see something of the city of Dakar, as well as the rest of Senegal (and perhaps its neighbour The Gambia). The meeting location lends so much to Mangosteen's meetings, and the meeting organizer will do whatever we can to help you to see what you want to see.

FAQ ID Nr. 727

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 23720

464 Is it easy to get transport from Dakar to Saly Portugal (a.k.a. Saly Portudal)?

Yes, many long distance 'bush taxis' travel the route to Saly Portugal. All cars leave from Dakar's Gare Routiere Pompiers.

FAQ ID Nr. 388

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 23880

465 Are there any golf courses in The Gambia?

Yes, there is at least one 18 hole golf course in Fajara - not far from the meeting venue in Kololi.

FAQ ID Nr. 23

Last Updated 06-07-31

Sort Nr. 22020

466 I would like a certificate of participation proving that I took part in the meeting - will one be available after the meeting?

Yes, certainly. Please just let us know by email that you need one (preferably before the meeting). If you need specific text to appear in the letter (such as the title of your presentation) please also state this and provide the requisite text in your email message.

FAQ ID Nr. 275

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Sort Nr. 15300

467 My institute (or employer) requires that I obtain a certificate of participation to demonstrate that I took part in the meeting - will one be available after the meeting?

Yes. Please just let us know by email that you need one. If you need specific wording in your letter please also state the text that you need in your email message.

FAQ ID Nr. 485

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Sort Nr. 21520